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THE ICE CREAM SCOOP OF THE CENTURY! | WEATHER: CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON

ALF'S DAYS NUMBERED!

COUNTDOWN TO COMIC'S CLIMAX COMMENCES

By Dan Slott
ALF TODAY

The ALF Comic Book, published by Marvel Comics for almost four years, is reportedly "on its last chicken legs," according to an anonymous insider.

The source, whose diction was liberally laced with painful puns, railed against Marvel, angrily insisting that "nearly four thousand readers can't be wrong

(see page 44)

"DON'T CRY FOR ME, ENCHILADA!" SAYS EXITING EXTRATERRESTRIAL

Gordon Shumway, alias ALF for Alien Life Form, is fitted for a used comic book bin in Los Angeles Tuesday. The orange-furred alien, usually cheerful and quite glib, was somber at the traditional bin-fitting ceremony, claiming that he still had "a good fifty or sixty issues' worth of material left" and that he had been "cut down in my prime time."

ALF Editor Fabian Nicieza was unavailable for comment, as he is currently observing a week of mourning and will speak to no one. Managing Editor Evan Skolnick, however, was somewhat more outspoken, vaguely threatening all callers with grunting noises that barely sounded human. *(Dave Manak photo)*

UPC BOX ESCAPES!

A UPC Box escaped from a federal penitentiary yesterday, setting off the largest boxhunt since the THOR corner box escape of 1984.

The box is described as nearly 2" tall, striped

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RHONDA REUNION RUMORED

By Cara Gallagher
ALF TODAY

Rhonda, that wild and wooly Melmacian, may be reunited with her boyfriend, Gordon Shumway (alias ALF), in the sure-to-be-collectible ALF #50.

Though no reliable source has confirmed

the rumor, a glance at ALF #42 (page 20, panels 3 and 4) reveals foreshadowing: "We may be together very soon," Rhonda tells ALF in

(see page 60)

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ALF

IN PART I of TH-TH-TH THAT'S ALF, FOLKS!

METEOR BYE PRODUCTS!

I WAS BRINGING IN THE MAIL AND THOUGHT I'D CHECK TO SEE IF YOU WERE STILL WORKING ON YOUR SPACESHIP... LO AND BEHOLD...

I'LL BE WITH YOU IN TWELVE SHAKES OF A LUNAR COCK-ROACH'S WING...

CRANQ!

TWIST!

BOLT!

MY BROTHER MADE THE HONOR HARD ROLL AT MELMAC MELEMENTARY!

YODA SODA

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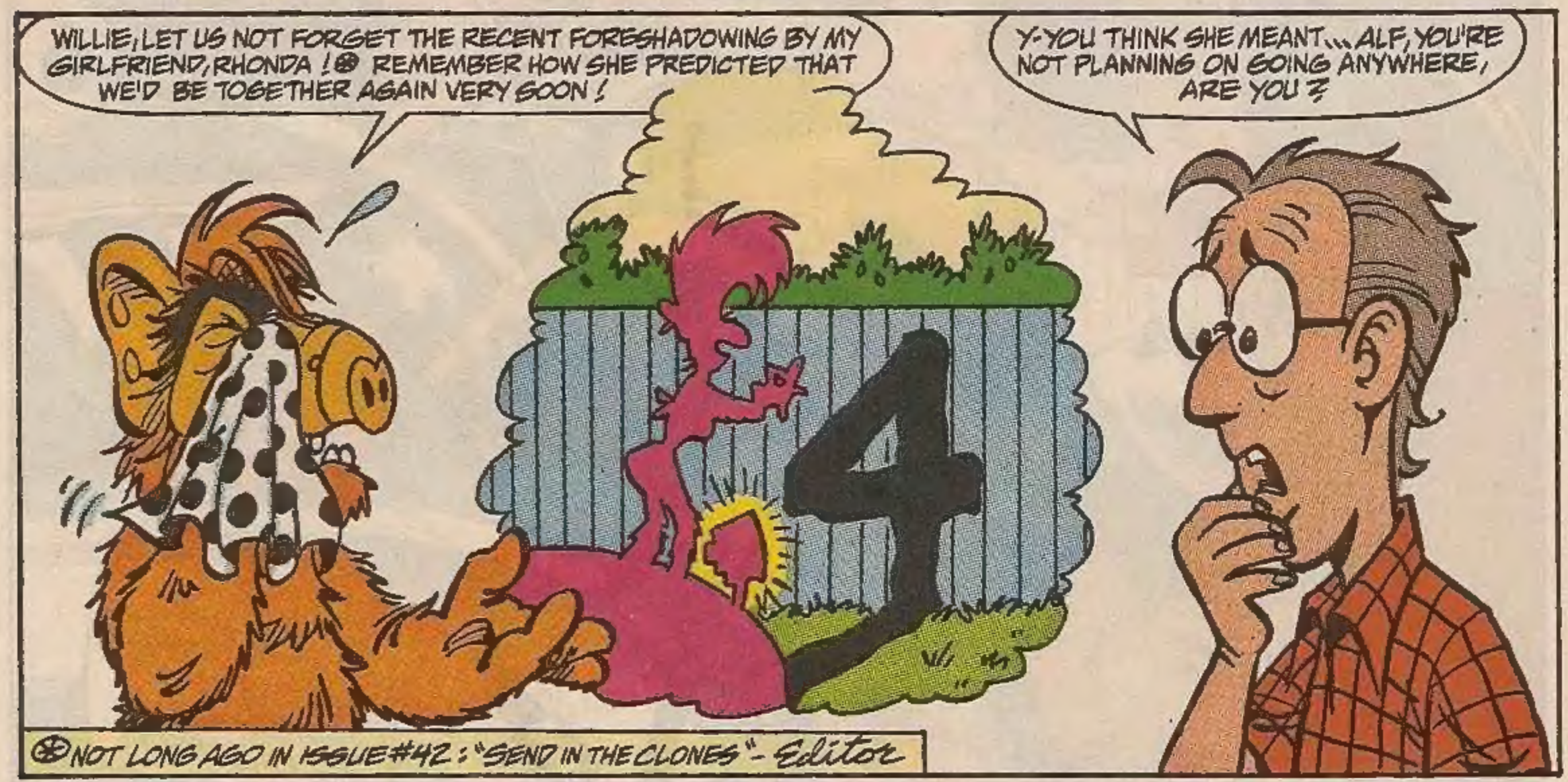
THAT DOES IT! THIS ENGINE SHOULD PURR LIKE A KITTEN CAÑAPE!
AHA! THAT'S WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE! I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN!

OH, C'MON, WILSON PHILLIPS! IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG!
ALF, YOU'VE HAD YOUR HEAD UNDER THAT HOOD NONSTOP FOR OVER A WEEK!
KLUNK
ALF-1

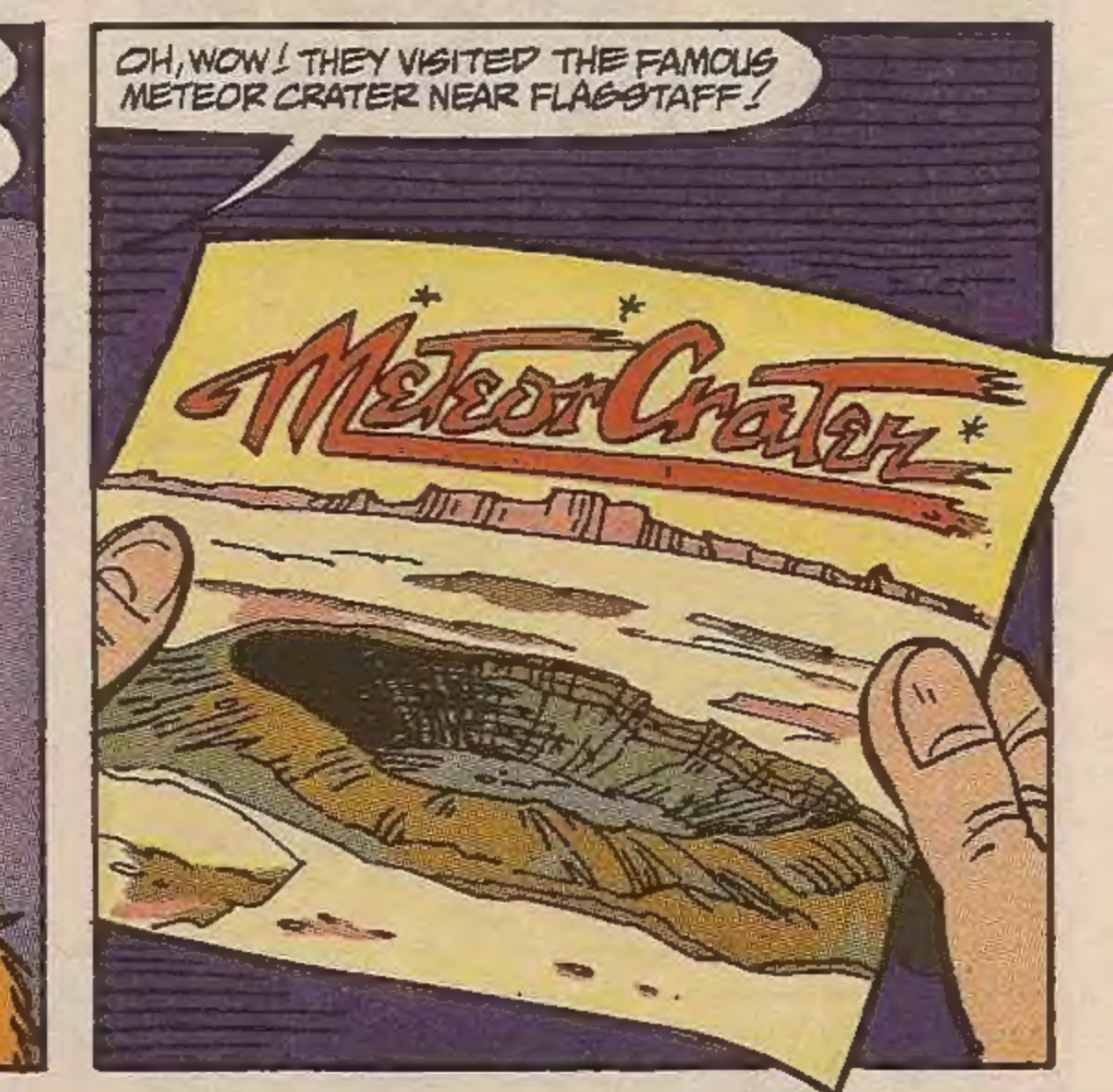

WILLIE, LET US NOT FORGET THE RECENT FORESHADOWING BY MY GIRLFRIEND, RHONDA! ⊛ REMEMBER HOW SHE PREDICTED THAT WE'D BE TOGETHER AGAIN VERY SOON!
Y-YOU THINK SHE MEANT... ALF, YOU'RE NOT PLANNING ON GOING ANYWHERE, ARE YOU?
4
⊛ NOT LONG AGO IN ISSUE #42: "SEND IN THE CLONES" - Editor

CHILL, WILL! EVEN IF I WANTED TO, I COULDN'T! MY SHIP CAN ONLY ACHIEVE ORBIT WHEN POWERED BY A MINERAL THAT DOESN'T EXIST ON EARTH... BUT... IF IT DID...
SAY! WAS THAT ONE OF THOSE "AWKWARD MOMENTS" I'VE HEARD ABOUT?
YES!... er... NO... UMMM-- I DON'T KNOW! AHH... LET'S CHECK THE MAIL...
2.

DON'T GET UPTIGHT! ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END... JUST LIKE NETWORK T.V. SITCOMS!
BILLS, BILLS-BOOOF!
LB.

THANKS FOR THE SENTIMENTS, ALF! NOW, PLEASE HELP ME PICK UP THESE... SAY! HERE'S A POSTCARD!
ROD AND REELY? FROM WHO?

"Dear Willie, We're on vacation in Arizona and thought of you when we saw this place! Next stop, GRAND CANYON! Love to Kate and the kids-Elmer and Ida Mae."
WHAT A NICE COUSIN!
SAW WHAT PLACE?


OH, WOW! THEY VISITED THE FAMOUS METEOR CRATER NEAR FLAGSTAFF!
Meteor Crater

THE WHAT NEAR WHERE? NEVER HEARD OF IT!
I HAVE! LET ME CHECK MY ASTRONOMY LIBRARY...

HERE WE GO! COME SEE, ALF!
THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THIS TITLE... IT'S EDUCATIONAL AS WELL AS ENTERTAINING!
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"ABOUT 49,500 YEARS AGO, A HUGE NICKEL-IRON METEORITE STRUCK THE ARIZONA DESERT* TRAVELING AT NEARLY 45,000 M.P.H.! THE IMPACT WAS EQUAL TO 15,000,000 TONS OF T.N.T.! OVER 300,000,000 TONS OF ROCK WERE DISPLACED, LEAVING A CRATER 560 FEET DEEP AND 4,100 FEET ACROSS.
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WHAT?!

*FOR MORE INFORMATION ON METEOR CRATER, CALL (602)774-8350.-- Editor

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LATER:

ABSOLUTELY NOT, ALF! NO WAY ARE YOU GOING TO ARIZONA! ROCKS OR NO ROCKS!

YOU'D BE RISKING EVERYTHING, ALF!

IT COULD BE DANGEROUS!

I MUST AGREE!

AFFABBA GAMAFOO BIBABOOSA!

ET TU, ERIC-O-CHETZ?

BE REASONABLE, BLACK AND TANNERS! WE'VE GOT TO BE PREPARED FOR UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS! NOT TO MENTION THE RAPID APPROACH OF ISSUE #50, RUMORED TO BE OUR LAST!

NO! AND THAT'S FINAL!

I KNEW I SHOULD'VE GONE TO THE KLINGON EMPIRE! THEY KNOW HOW TO TREAT A GUEST! IF YOU SURVIVE THE INTERROGATION, THAT IS...

ALF!

THUD!

FORGET IT! I SEE THE HANDWRITING ON THE WAL-MART!! YOU'LL ALL BE SORRY! I'M GOING TO MAKE YOUR LIVES A LIVING HEL!

SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

WOW! HE'S REALLY MAD!

I *MUST* REMEMBER TO THANK ELMER FOR THAT POSTCARD...

HOW COME MINDY NEVER HAD THESE PROBLEMS WITH MORK?

'SCUSE ME...

SLAM!

AFF GO BIBI!

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SOON...
ALF Z...LOOK, I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET...
TURN OFF THAT BRIAN'S SONG, BECAUSE I'M NOT WIDE RECEIVING VISITORS!
M
ALF

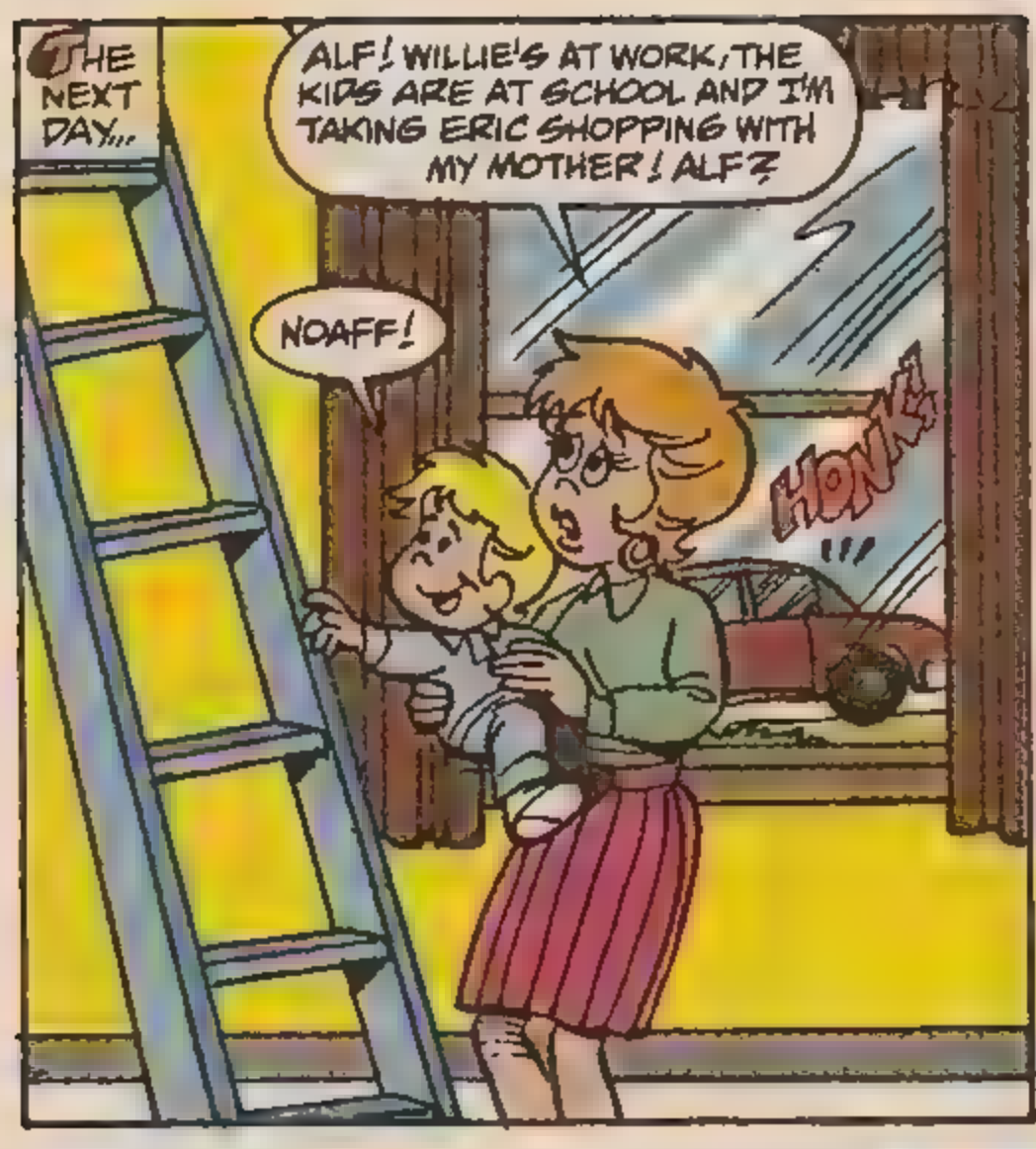
C'MON...REMEMBER WHEN YOU AND RHONDA WENT TO NEW MELMAC AND LEFT YOUR PAL SKIP HERE ?
SORRY, KID... WE ALREADY PLUGGED THAT BACK ISSUE!*
*WE SURE DID...NUMBER 42 WITH A BULLET! - Editor

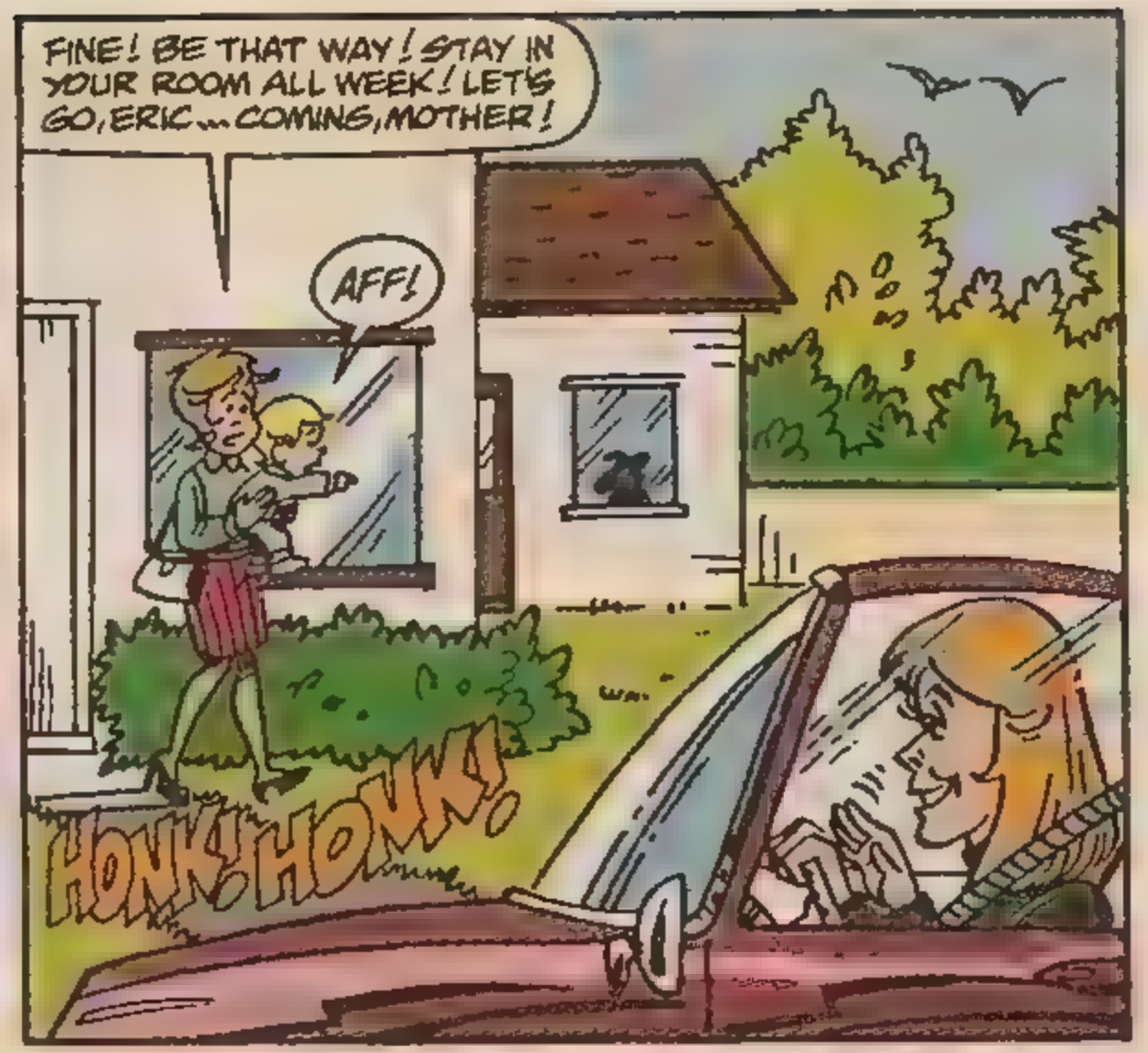
WELL, SKIP AND I DID A LOT OF BOUILLABASEBALL CARD TRADING! HE WANTED MY DON MELMATTINGLY ROOKIE CARD SO BAD THAT HE GAVE ME THE PROTOTYPE HOLO-HUMANIZER HE WAS MAKING!
THE-
DONK!
OW!--WHAT?!

THE HOLO-HUMANIZER ? THAT DEVICE ONLY EXISTED IN THE IMAGINARY STORY FROM MY WOTIF COMPUTER!*
WELL HERE IT IS! I WAS GOING TO SAVE IT FOR CHRISTMAS, BUT I HATE TO SEE YOU SO MAD AT US ALL!
*FOR YOU COMPLETISTS, ISSUE #17- "MELMAC TO THE FUTURE" - Editor

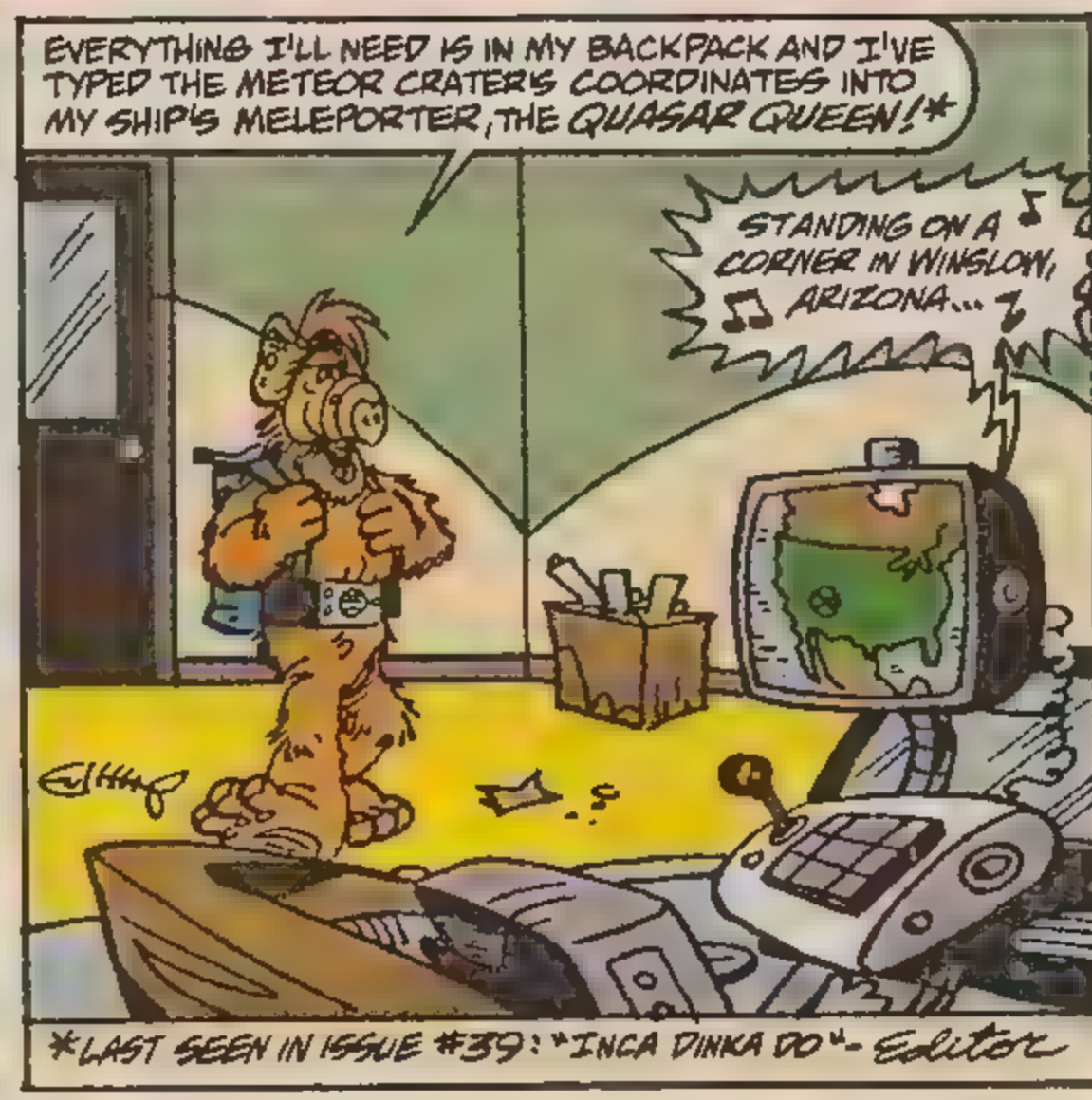
IF I RECALL MY PLOT DEVICES CORRECTLY, THIS THING WILL CREATE AN OPAQUE HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF A HUMAN BEING AROUND MY BODY!
I HOPE I DON'T REGRET THIS...
SNIKT!

HOLY SMOKESCREEN! ISN'T THIS FANTASTIC ? COME HERE SO I CAN GIVE YOU A GNORB!
YIPE! YES AND NO...IN THAT ORDER!

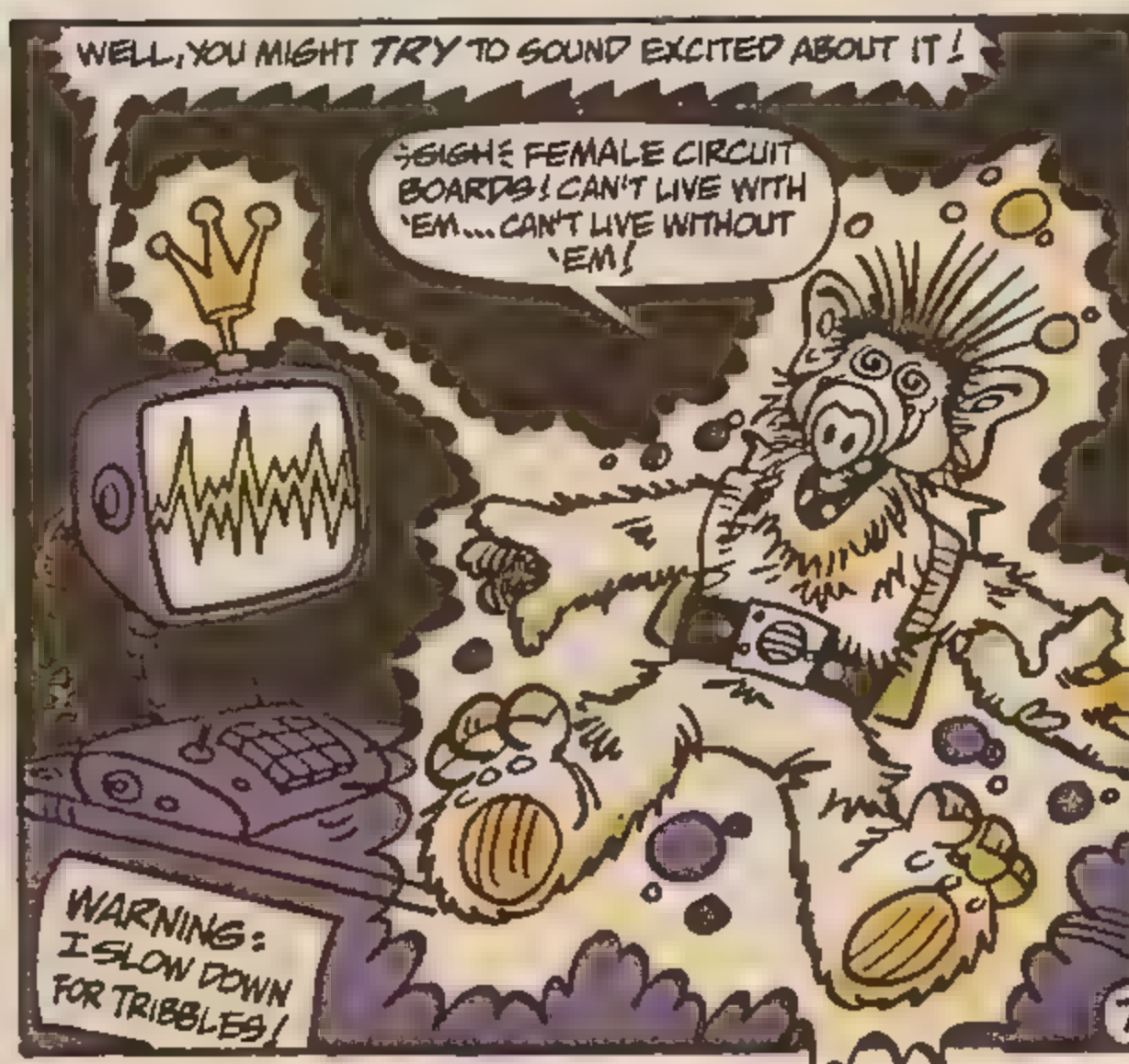

THE NEXT DAY...
ALF! WILLIE'S AT WORK, THE KIDS ARE AT SCHOOL AND I'M TAKING ERIC SHOPPING WITH MY MOTHER! ALF?
NOAFF!
HONK!


FINE! BE THAT WAY! STAY IN YOUR ROOM ALL WEEK! LET'S GO, ERIC... COMING, MOTHER!
AFF!
HONK! HONK!

THERE THEY GO... AND HERE I GO... I REALLY HATE TO DISOBEY, BUT A MELMAN'S GOTTA HONEY WHAT A MELON'S GOTTA DEW... OR WHATEVER...


EVERYTHING I'LL NEED IS IN MY BACKPACK AND I'VE TYPED THE METEOR CRATER'S COORDINATES INTO MY SHIP'S MELEPORTER, THE QUASAR QUEEN!*
STANDING ON A CORNER IN WINSLOW, ARIZONA...
*LAST SEEN IN ISSUE #39: "INCA DINKA DO" - Editor

READY WHEN YOU ARE, MR. SHUMWAY... LET ME HEAR THOSE MELMAGIC WORDS...
YAWN
PRETTY PLEASE WITH A SQUISHED SUGARED GLUG ON TOP?
TAK!


WELL, YOU MIGHT TRY TO SOUND EXCITED ABOUT IT!
SIGH FEMALE CIRCUIT BOARDS! CAN'T LIVE WITH 'EM... CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT 'EM!
WARNING: I SLOW DOWN FOR TRIBBLES!

SOME TIME LATER...

...AND YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR ADMISSION TICKET ON YOUR CREDIT CARD, MR. ...

SHUMWAY.

...TANNER?

GIFT SHOP!

WELCOME TO: METEOR CRATER

TAKE ONE

ADMISSION

METEOR CRATER NATIONAL LANDMARK

OH, STAYING DOWN IN SHUMWAY?* I HAD AN UNCLE WHO USED TO LIVE THERE...NEXT!

GULP!

TO THE CRATER

*STRANGE BUT TRUE! ABOUT SIXTY MILES SOUTHEAST OF METEOR CRATER IS THE TOWN OF SHUMWAY, ARIZONA!! COINCIDENCE? WE THINK NOT. -E.P.

LET'S SEE HERE... I'M GONNA SKIP THE INTERIOR DISPLAYS AND HEAD RIGHT OUTSIDE TO THE CRATER...

ASTRONAUT HALL OF FAME

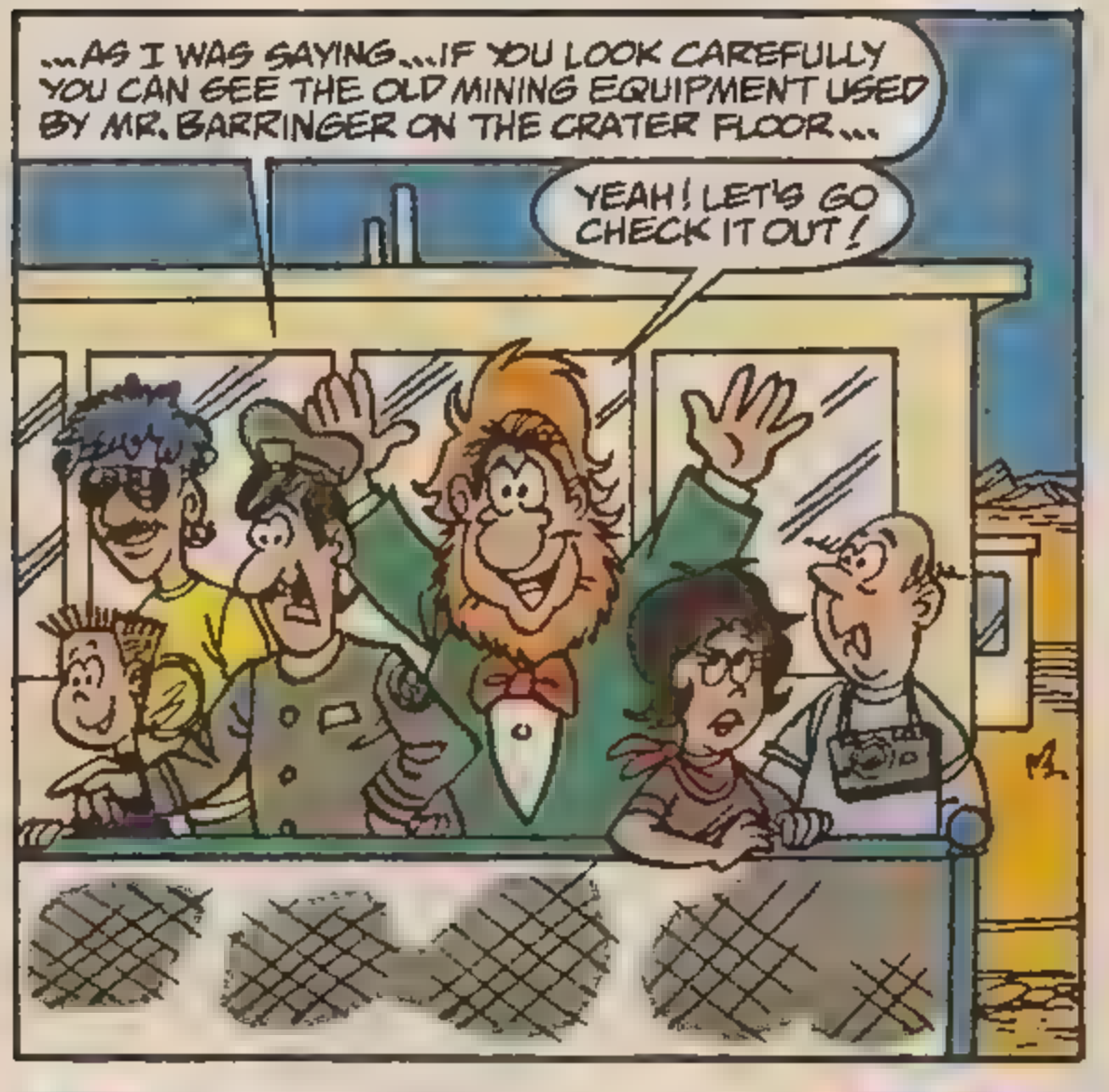
NEXT SLIDE SHOW 1:00

AND THERE IT... GREAT CAESAR'S TOSTADAS!

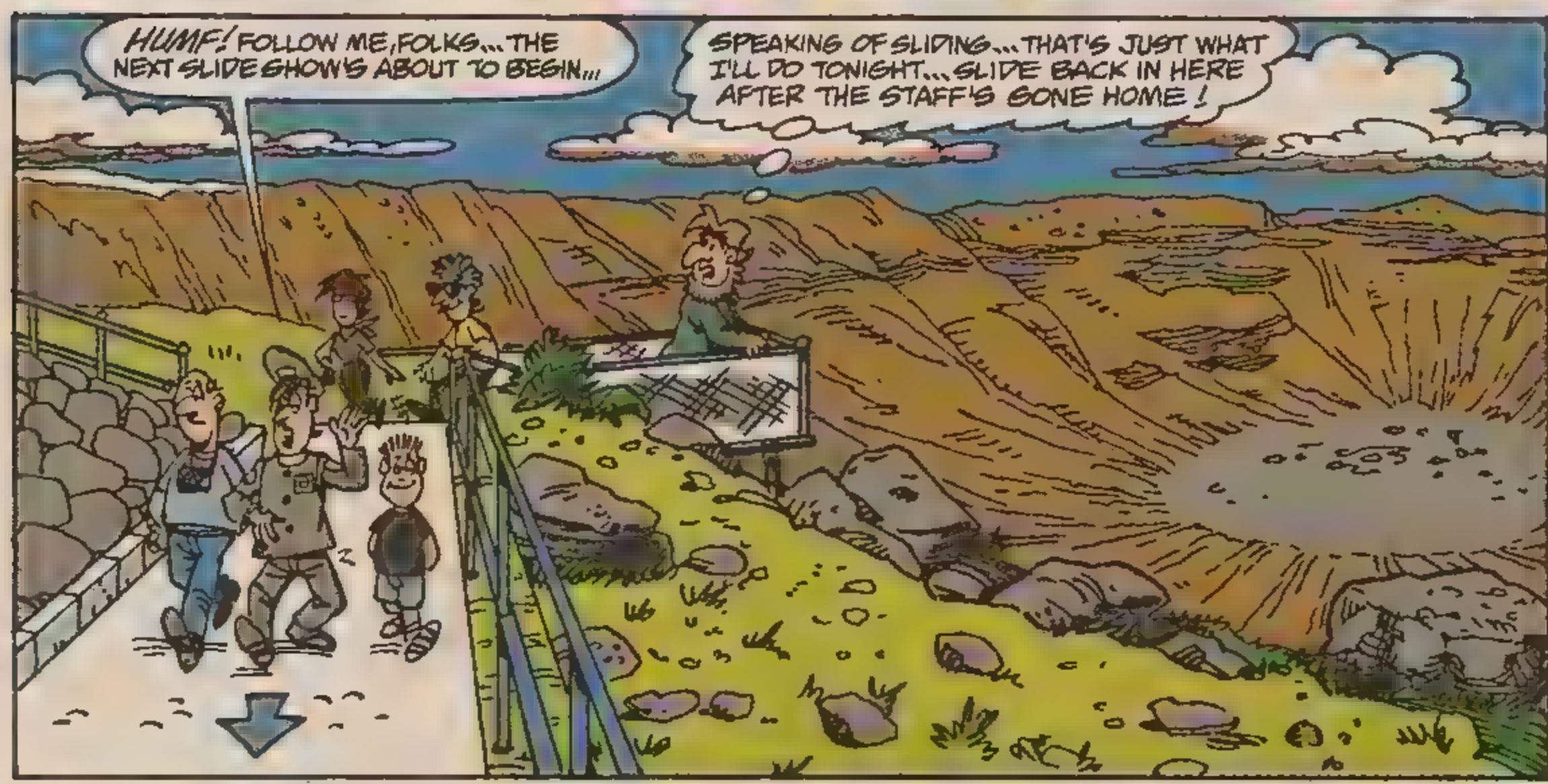
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF IT! THIS THING MUST BE TWO MILES IN CIRCUMFERENCE!

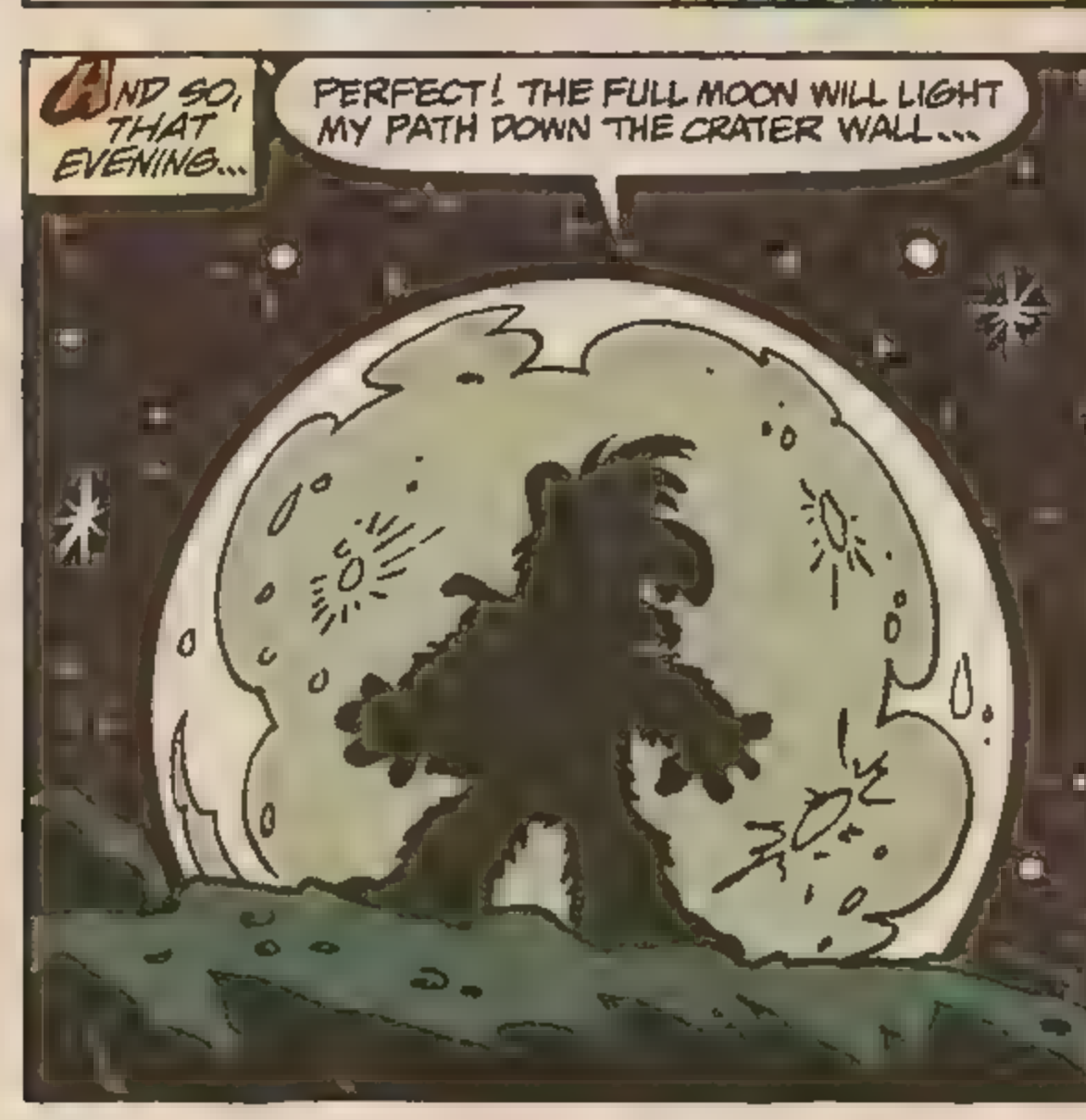
ACTUALLY, IT'S OVER THREE MILES, SIR! COME ON DOWN AND JOIN THE TOUR GROUP!

ALF IS HERE!


...AS I WAS SAYING...IF YOU LOOK CAREFULLY YOU CAN SEE THE OLD MINING EQUIPMENT USED BY MR. BARRINGER ON THE CRATER FLOOR...
YEAH! LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!

Ahem! WE MOST CERTAINLY WILL NOT! THAT AREA IS OFF LIMITS TO EVERYONE, UNDERSTOOD?
OH, HEH HEH HEH... SURE! JUST MARGOT KIDDING...
WHAT A SPACED-OUT DUDE!
MC


HUMF! FOLLOW ME, FOLKS... THE NEXT SLIDE SHOW'S ABOUT TO BEGIN...
SPEAKING OF SLIDING... THAT'S JUST WHAT I'LL DO TONIGHT... SLIDE BACK IN HERE AFTER THE STAFF'S GONE HOME!


AND SO, THAT EVENING...
PERFECT! THE FULL MOON WILL LIGHT MY PATH DOWN THE CRATER WALL...

WHEW... THAT'S SOME HIKE! I WISH I COULD COME UP WITH A WAY TO GET DOWN THERE QUICKLY...

BOO!

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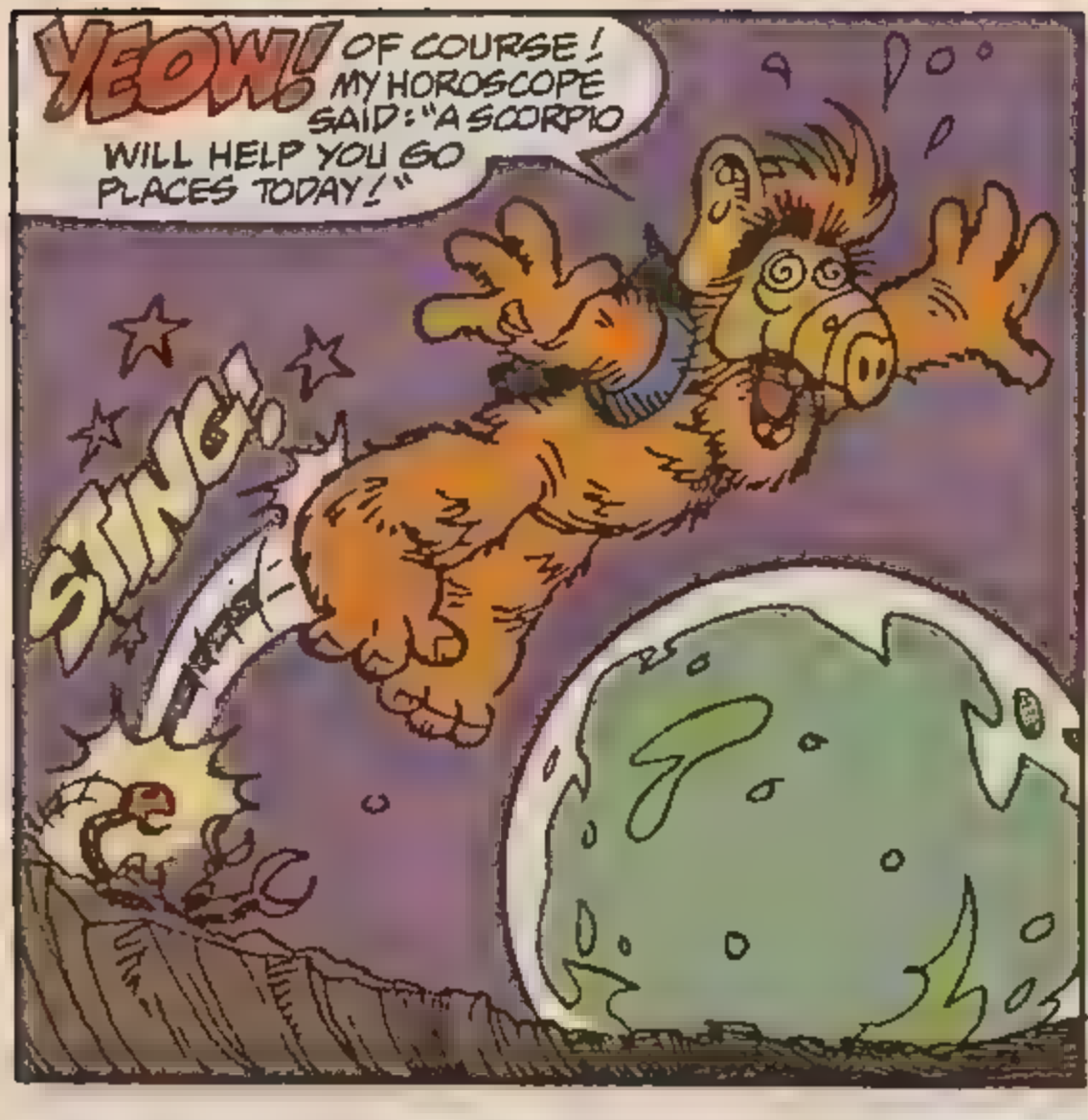
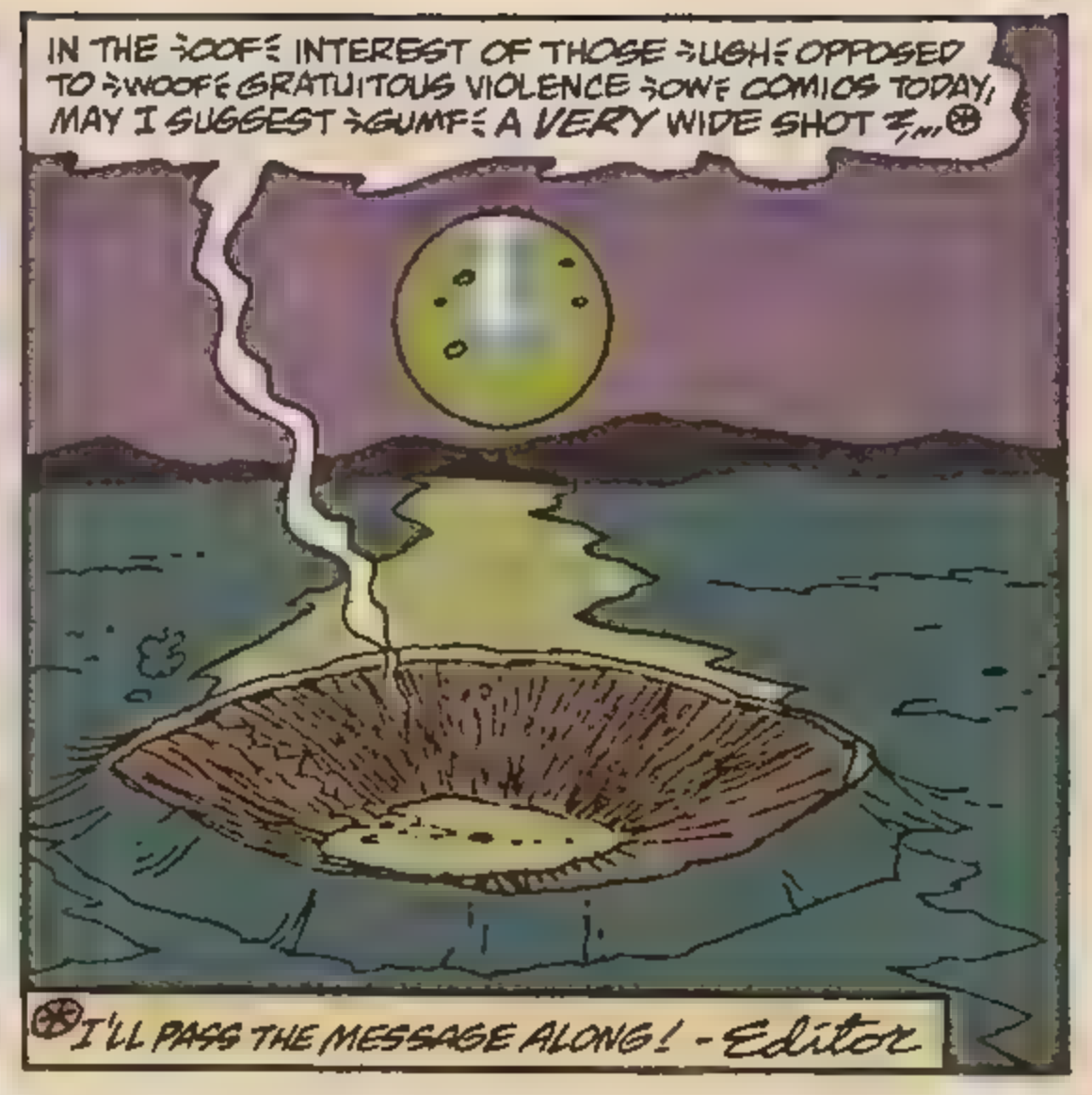
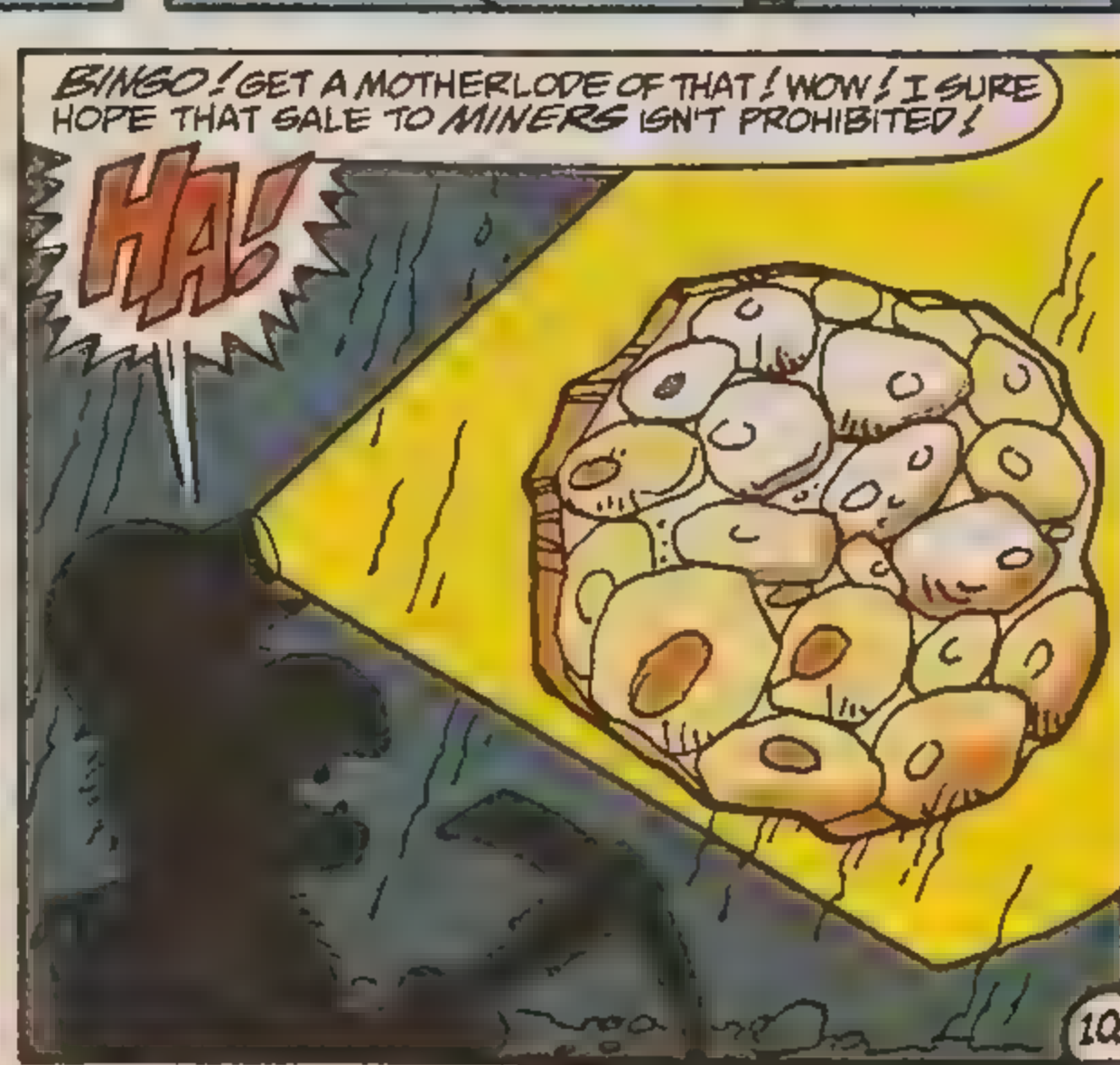

YEOW! OF COURSE! MY HOROSCOPE SAID: "A SCORPIO WILL HELP YOU GO PLACES TODAY!"
STING!


IN THE ≥OOF≤ INTEREST OF THOSE ≥UGH≤ OPPOSED TO ≥WOOF≤ GRATUITOUS VIOLENCE ≥OW≤ COMICS TODAY, MAY I SUGGEST ≥GUMF≤ A VERY WIDE SHOT ≤,,,⊛
⊛I'LL PASS THE MESSAGE ALONG! - Editor

WOO-HA! WELL, NOTHING SEEMS BROKEN... EXCEPT PERHAPS THE RECORD FOR "MOST PAINFUL DESCENT BY AN ALIEN!"
CAUTION: OLD MINE SHAFT DANGER!

BUT LIKE THE ANCIENT WARRIOR, MELMACHILLES, I'M A QUICK HEELER! ON WITH THE SHOW!
KEEP OUT!

HOT CAT! MY GALLA-GEIGER COUNTER SHOWS LOTS OF OLDHAMITE IN HERE...
HEY, DO I KNOW HOW TO SUCK UP TO THE WRITER OR WHAT?


BINGO! GET A MOTHERLODE OF THAT! WOW! I SURE HOPE THAT SALE TO MINERS ISN'T PROHIBITED!
HA!
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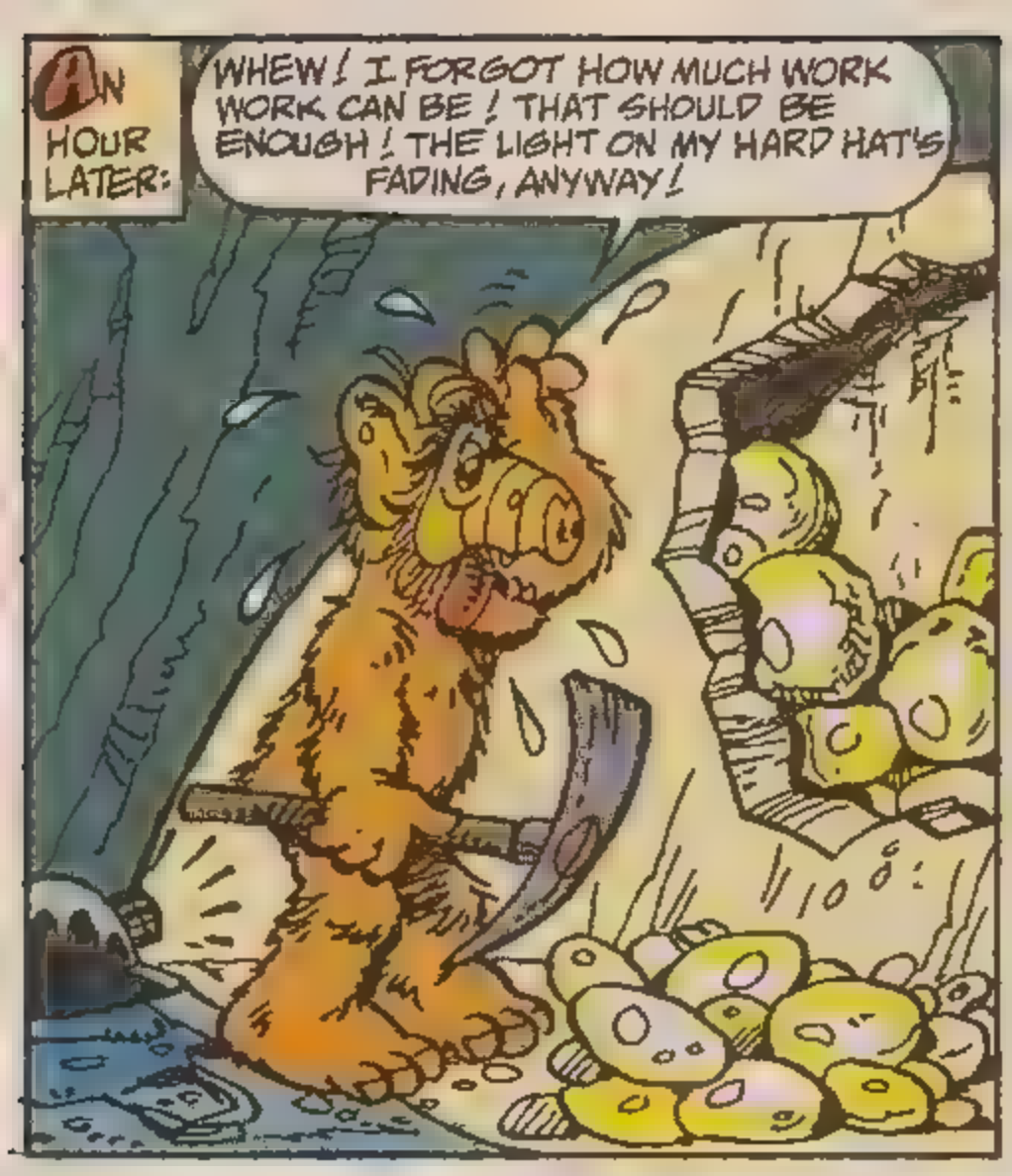
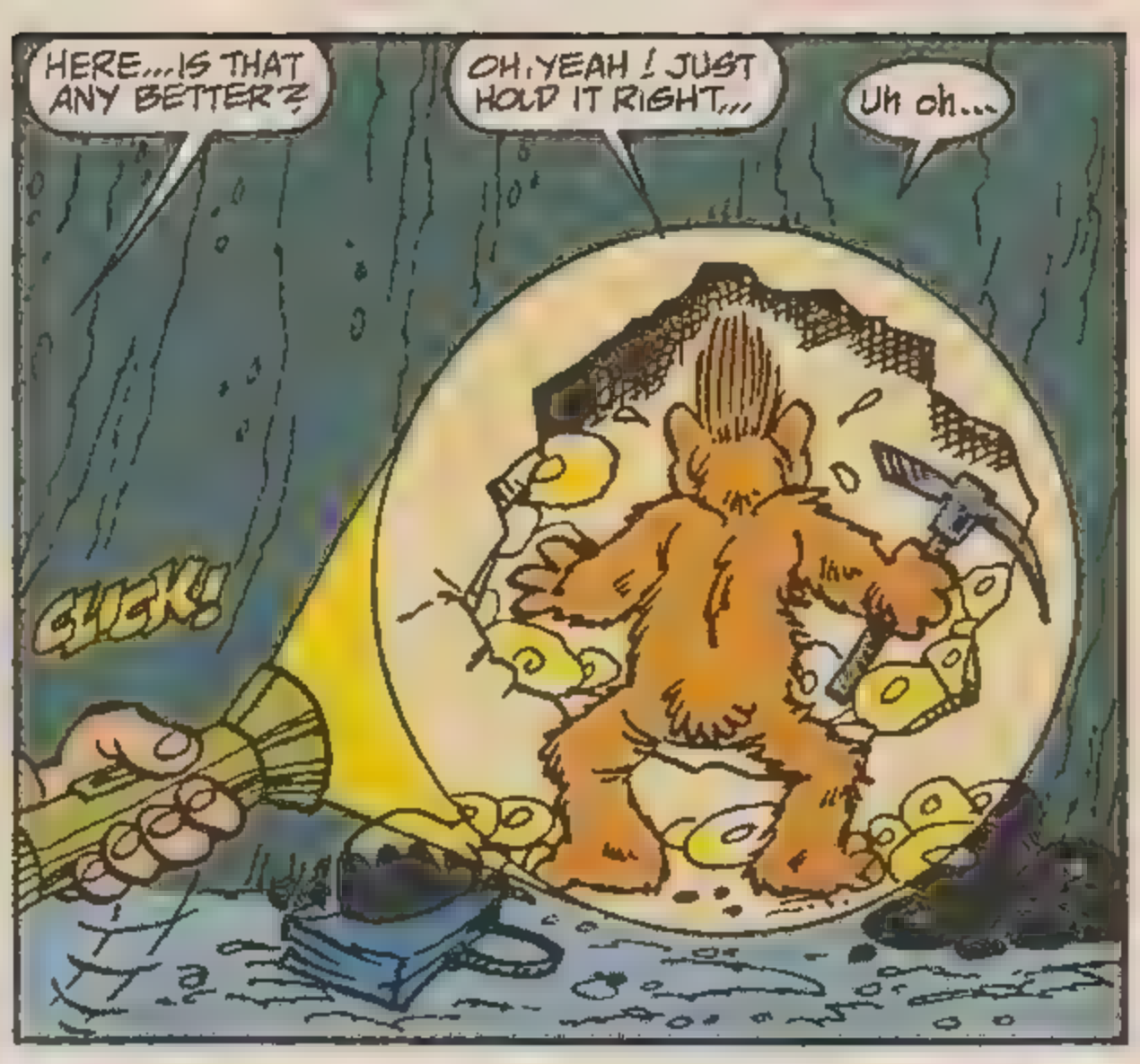
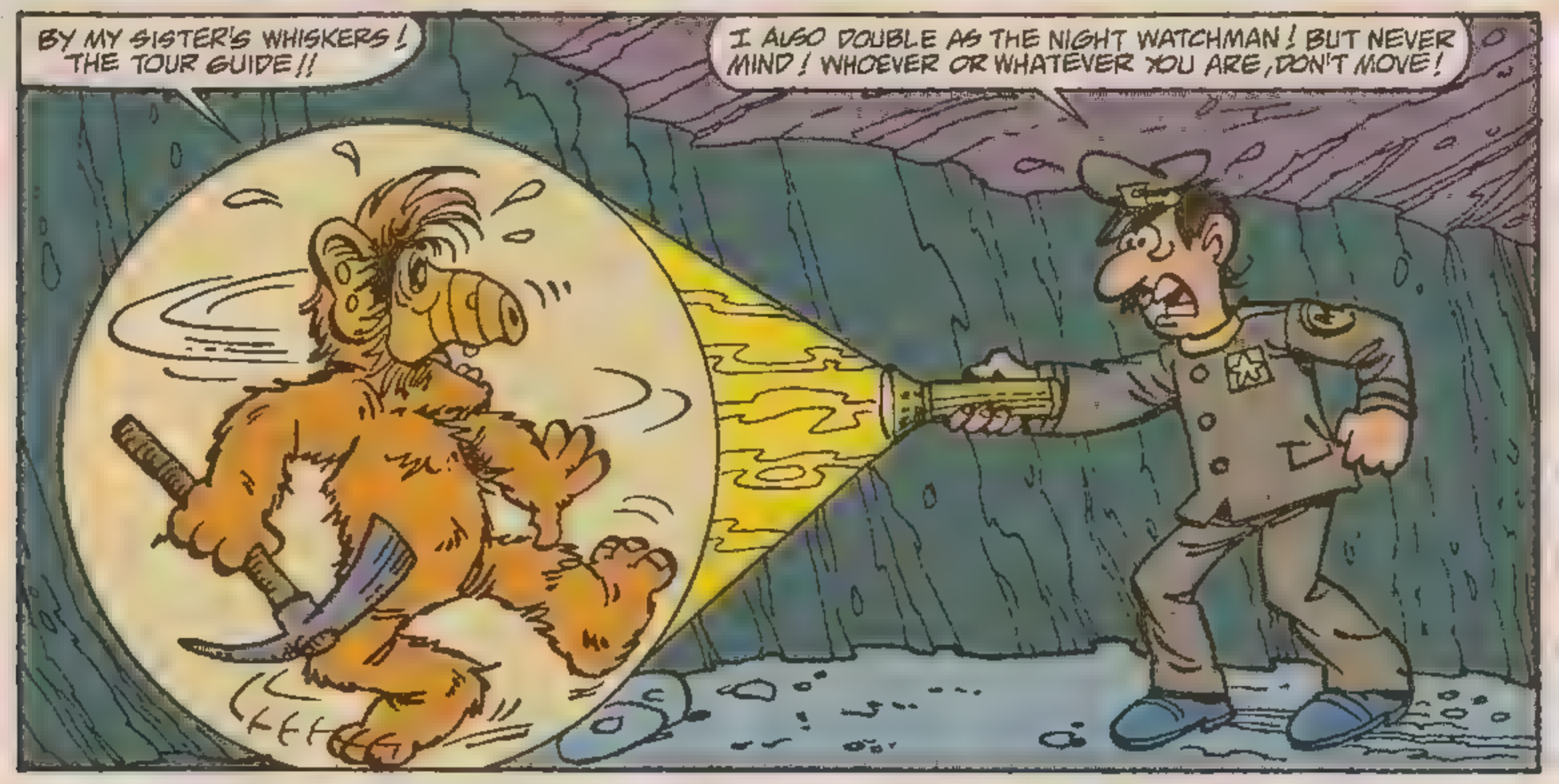
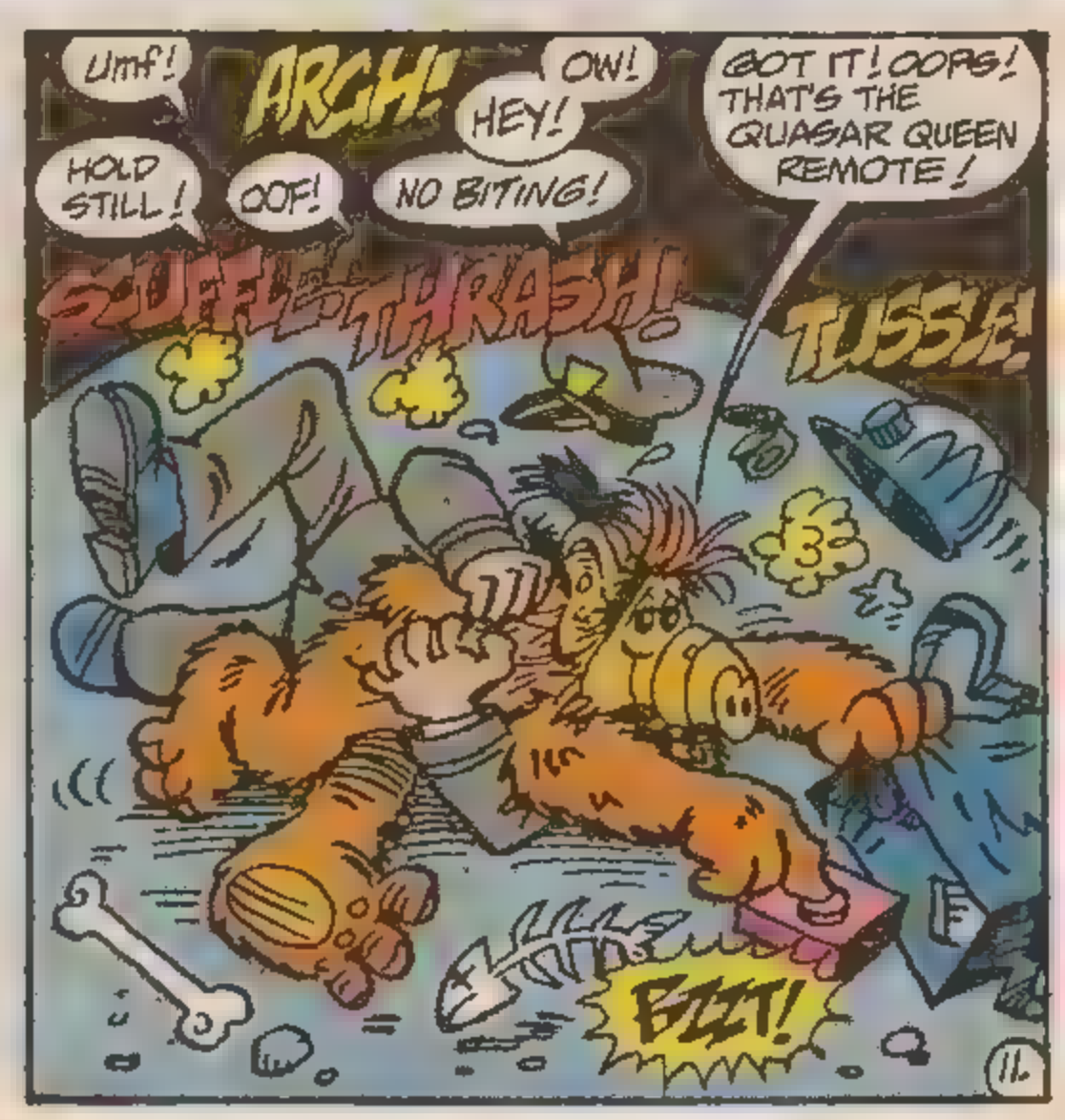

AN HOUR LATER:
WHEW! I FORGOT HOW MUCH WORK WORK CAN BE! THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH! THE LIGHT ON MY HARD HAT'S FADING, ANYWAY!


HERE...IS THAT ANY BETTER?
OH, YEAH! JUST HOLD IT RIGHT...
Uh oh...
CLICK!


BY MY SISTER'S WHISKERS! THE TOUR GUIDE!!
I ALSO DOUBLE AS THE NIGHT WATCHMAN! BUT NEVER MIND! WHOEVER OR WHATEVER YOU ARE, DON'T MOVE!

EGAD! MY HOLO-HUMANIZER!
I SAID DON'T MOVE! OKAY--YOU ASKED FOR IT!


Umf!
ARGH!
OW!
HEY!
GOT IT! OOPS! THAT'S THE QUASAR QUEEN REMOTE!
HOLD STILL!
OOF!
NO BITING!
SCUFFLE-THRASH!
TUSSLE!
BZZT!

PLAY PERIOD'S OVER! TIME TO COME IN! AWWW--DIDUMS MAKE A NEW FRIEND?

WELCOME HOME

WHAT THE DEVIL?

HOMINA-HOMINA-HOMINA-

QUICK, TWO-CUE! SEND THIS GUY BACK TO THE SAME ARIZONA COORDINATES!

RAJAH!

Prettypleasewithasauteed sugaredslugontop!

TAK

YOU'RE THE BOSS WITH THE PICANTE SAUCE!

SO HELP ME, THAT'S THE *LAST* TIME I HAVE A QUICK ONE AT MOONEY'S PUB BEFORE GOING BACK TO WORK!

UNLESS MY I S DECEIVE ME, THAT'S A PILE OF OLDHAMITE!

DO ME A FAVOR... SHUT UP AND SHUT DOWN!

SLUMP!

I JUST WANT FIVE SECONDS OF PEACE AND QUIET...

ALF!

WELL, I EXCUSE ME!

WHAT?

SNAP!

TAP!

12.

GEE, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT BACK! I'VE BEEN COVERING FOR YOU ALL DAY! MOM AND DAD STILL THINK YOU'RE POUTING IN YOUR ROOM!

A THOUSAND SHERMAN TANKS!

WE'LL GO RIGHT IN AS SOON AS I SCOOP UP THIS OLDHAMITE!

SO, THAT'S THE STUFF, EH? MISSION MELMACCOMPLISHED?

IS THIS GONNA BE ENOUGH? DO YOU HAVE TO PROCESS IT? CAN I HELP FILL THE TANK? HOW MANY MILES PER ROCK? HAS RHONDA--

COOL YOUR NEW YORK JETS, KID...

I'M JUST CURIOUS, ALF! WHEN CAN WE CIRCLE THE EARTH? WILLYA LET ME STEER? HOW--

YO! WE'LL PLAY 20,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 QUESTIONS LATER, BEE!

BESIDES, YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO PUT OUR POOR NARRATOR OUT OF A JOB! LET'S GIVE THE MAN SOME SPACE... HYPERSPACE, THAT IS...

HA! YOU KILL US!

HAS THE FINAL COUNTDOWN *REALLY* BEGUN? IS ALF *TRULY* GETTING READY TO LEAVE? CAN THIS SAGA BE COMING TO AN *END*? AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WILL *I* BE OUT OF WORK? FIND OUT MORE NEXT MONTH IN PART II OF "TH-TH-TH-TH-THAT'S ALF, FOLKS!!!"

THE END

13.

ALF! IN FOOTPRINTS OF THIEVES!

YOU'D BETTER NOT LET MOM CATCH YOU WITH YOUR HEAD IN THE FREEZER! SHE'S GOT A BIG DINNER PLANNED!

I'M NO FOOD FILCHER, LYNN-A-MINT! MY FAMOUS ANCESTOR WAS, HOWEVER...

COOKIES

SQUID! --A.

MORE SQUID! --G.S.

GALLAGHER
MANAK
SEVERIN

...AND DON'T TRY SNEAKING AWAY FROM THIS MELMAC FLASHBACK!

I SWEAR HE'S GOT ICE IN THE BACK OF HIS HEAD!

TIP-toe-TIP-

P-TOE-tip...

1.

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HOW TO PLAY

1. Call 1-900-288-XMEN
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3. Wait for the cue, then activate their powers by pressing the ⊛ key within the designated time.
4. Then go one on one with Magneto and earn your rewards by answering as many X-Men trivia questions as you can.

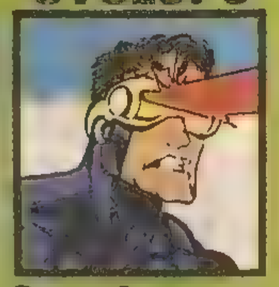
WOLVERINE

Press: 1
Time: Between 2-4 sec.
Power: Slices through any surface with adamantium claws

ICEMAN

Press: 2
Time: Between 1-3 sec.
Power: Shoots subzero cold blasts

CYCLOPS



Press: 3
Time: Between 3-5 sec.
Power: Shoots optic force blasts

BANSHEE

Press: 4
Time: Between 4-6 sec.
Power: Vanquishes enemies with sonic scream

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Product coupons

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6 The caller shall hear an introductory message and will then be requested to enter the telephone number he is calling from for call limiting purposes Each call is a separate game

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I DID... LURP! IT WAS DELICIOUS! NOW GET OUT!

BATS

MELMACEAGAL

ARMADILLOS

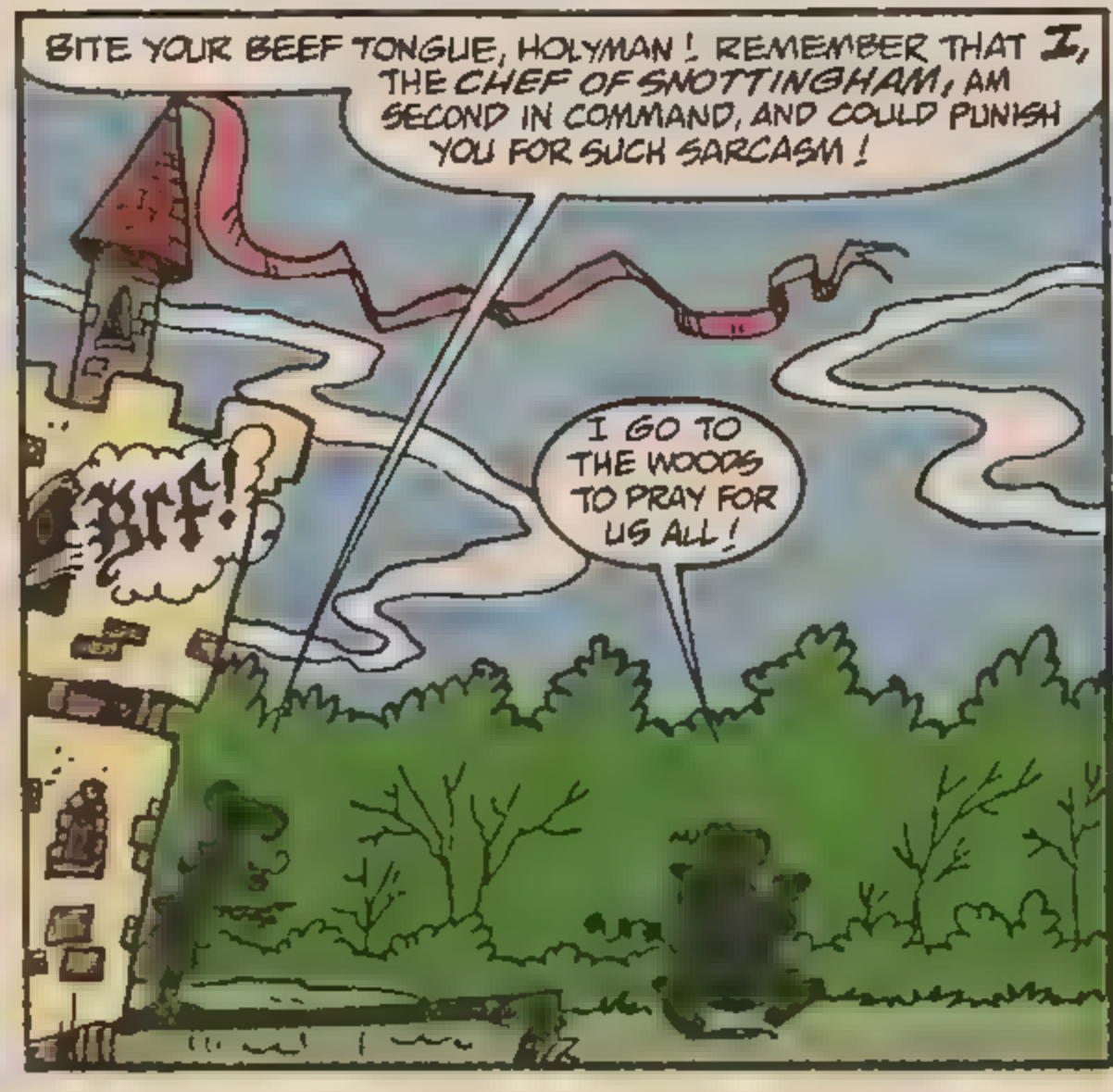
FROGS

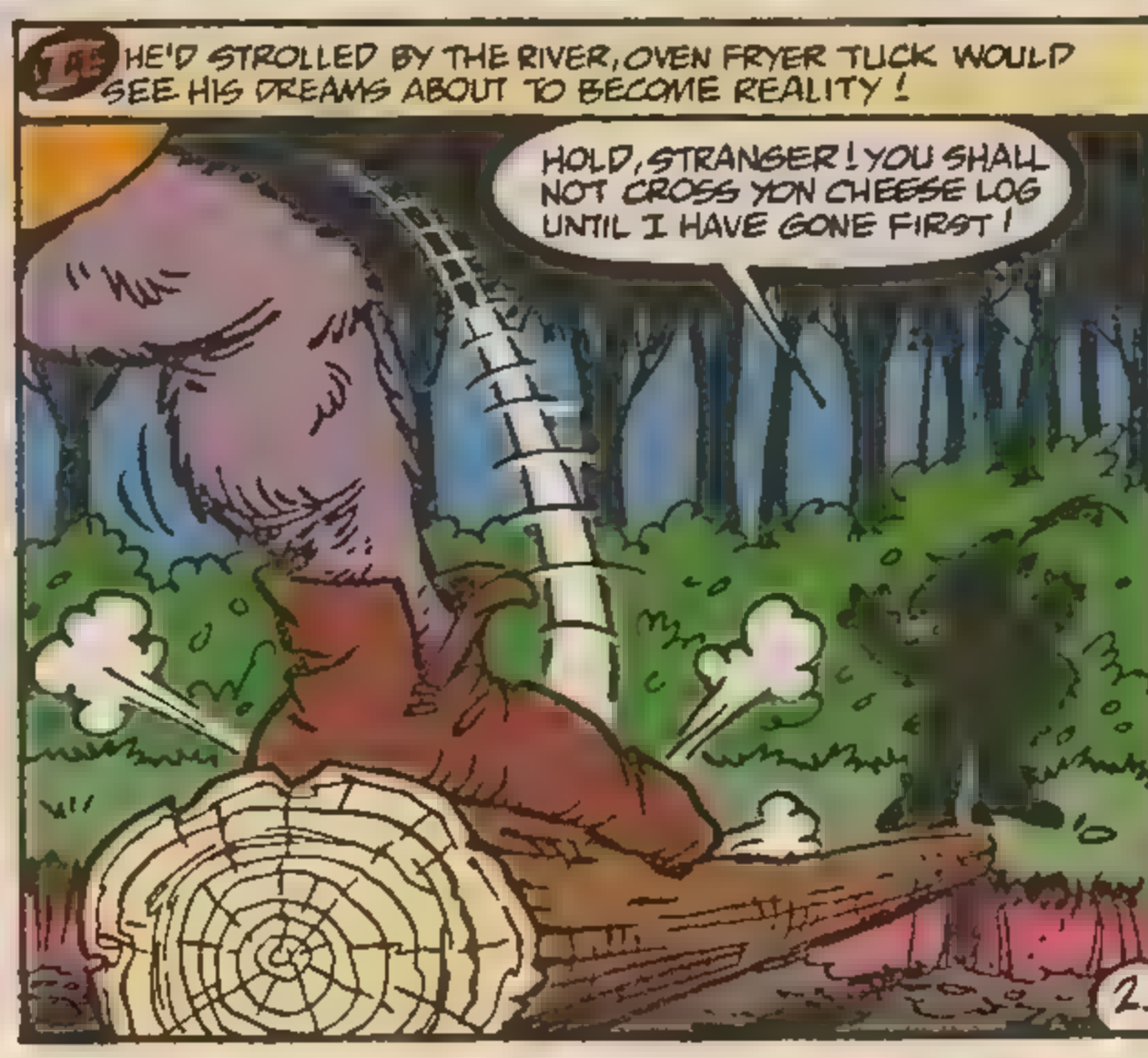
CAT

WO

Yams

LEGS





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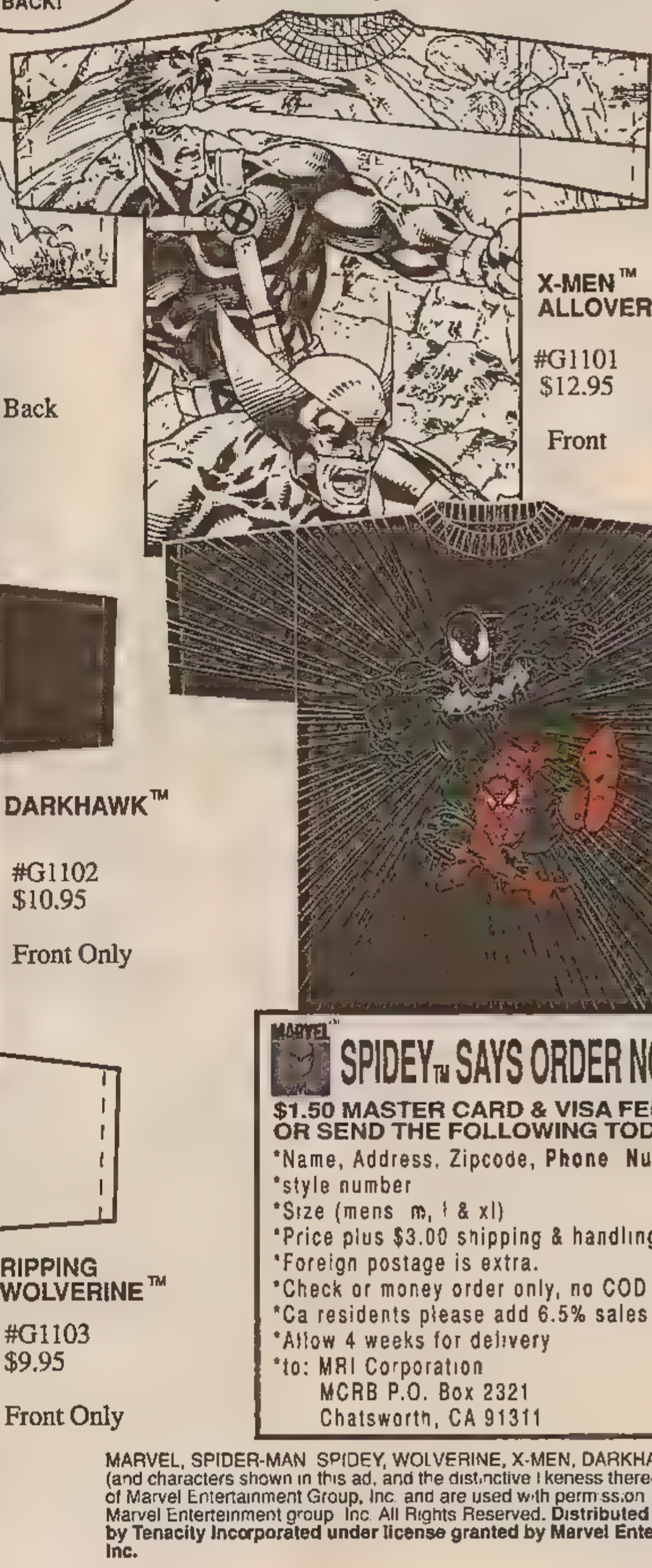

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FOR I AM ROBBIN' FOOD, DEFENDER OF THE OPPRESSED, THORN IN THE TYRANT KING'S SIDE, AND UNEQUALED MASTER OF THE *BONE AND MARROW!* WHAT SAY YOU TO THAT ?

YAWN!

MOCK ME AT YOUR PERIL! THESE WOODS SHALL ECHO WITH YOUR PRETTY PLEAS OF SURRENDER!

IHOP

AS YOU CAN ?YAWN? SEE, I AM UNARMED SAVE FOR THIS ?YAWN? WALKING STICK...

VERY WELL...WE SHALL DO BATTLE WITH *STAFFS!*

YAWN!...

IF YOU INSIST...

DID YOU GET THE REVISED MEMO I FAXED YOU ?

LET'S DO LUNCH!

HAVE YOUR PEOPLE CALL MY PEOPLE!

YES, BUT I'M BUYING MY BOSS'S WIFE'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT THIS AFTERNOON!

N, NO...TWELVE WITH NO CREAM, TEN WITH SUGAR, SEVEN REGULAR, FIVE BLACK AND A TEA WITH LEMON!

I'M THE V.P. TO THE U.P.'S V.P.!

NO WAY!

TAKE A LETTER!

THE ROBBIN-MEISTER... MAKIN' COPIES!

I'LL HAVE MY CELLULAR PHONE ON THE GOLF COURSE...

I LIKE YOUR CASUAL STYLE, STRANGER... I SHALL CALL YOU "LITTLE YAWN"... YOU WILL COMPLETE MY BAND!

SORRY, I DON'T PLAY A ?YAWN? INSTRUMENT!

TYPO!

To all Staff

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BUT ROBBIN'S BAND WASN'T MUSICAL....HIS MELMERRY MEN HIJACKED THE FOOD WAGONS HEADED FOR THE GLUTTONOUS RULER AND GAVE THE CHOW TO THE HUNGRY CITIZENS...

YAWN...

SAX O' CATS

BAP!

BOOT!

IT'S QUICK, EASY AND COSTNER-EFFECTIVE!

OH, 10-Q, ROBBIN!

HIS MAJESTY WAS NOT AMUSED...

YOU'D BETTER WURP! CATCH THIS ENDEARING RAPSCALLION OR THERE'LL BE CHARCOAL BROILED *CHEF* ON THE MENU!

KUH-ELCH!

GULP! YES, YOUR ENORMOUSNESS!

SO, DID THE KING CHEW YOU OUT?

I'LL BE LUCKY IF HE DOESN'T CHEW ME *UP!*

AND SO, THE WILY CHEF OF SNOTTINGHAM SET A CLEVER TRAP FOR ROBBIN' FOOD...

chortle... cackle... *SNICKER*... SPEAKING OF WHICH, TIME FOR A CANDY BAR BREAK...

HOWEVER, ALL HE CAUGHT WAS THE CHIMNEY *FLUE!*

HEY! GET ME OUTTA HERE!

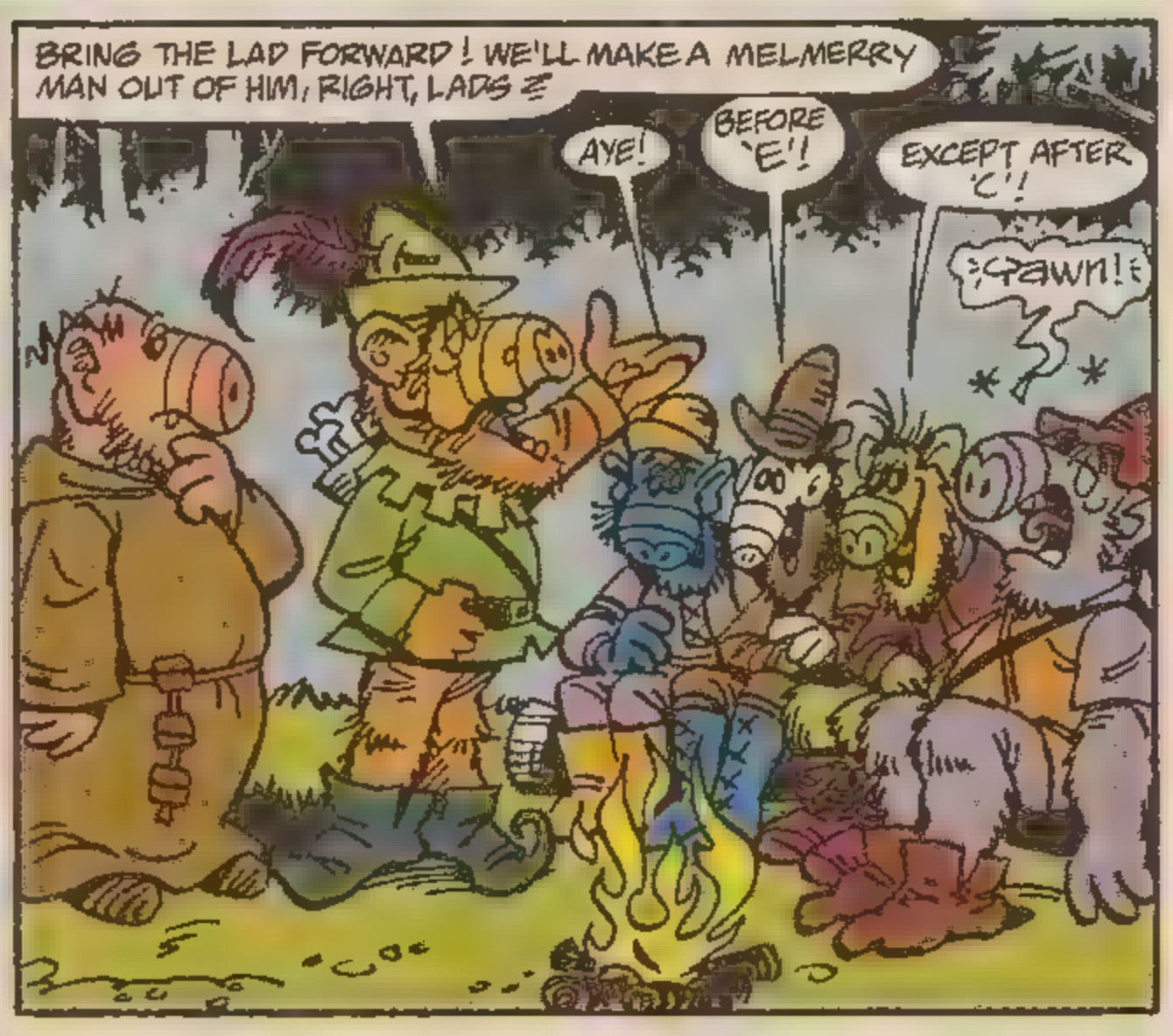
HELP!

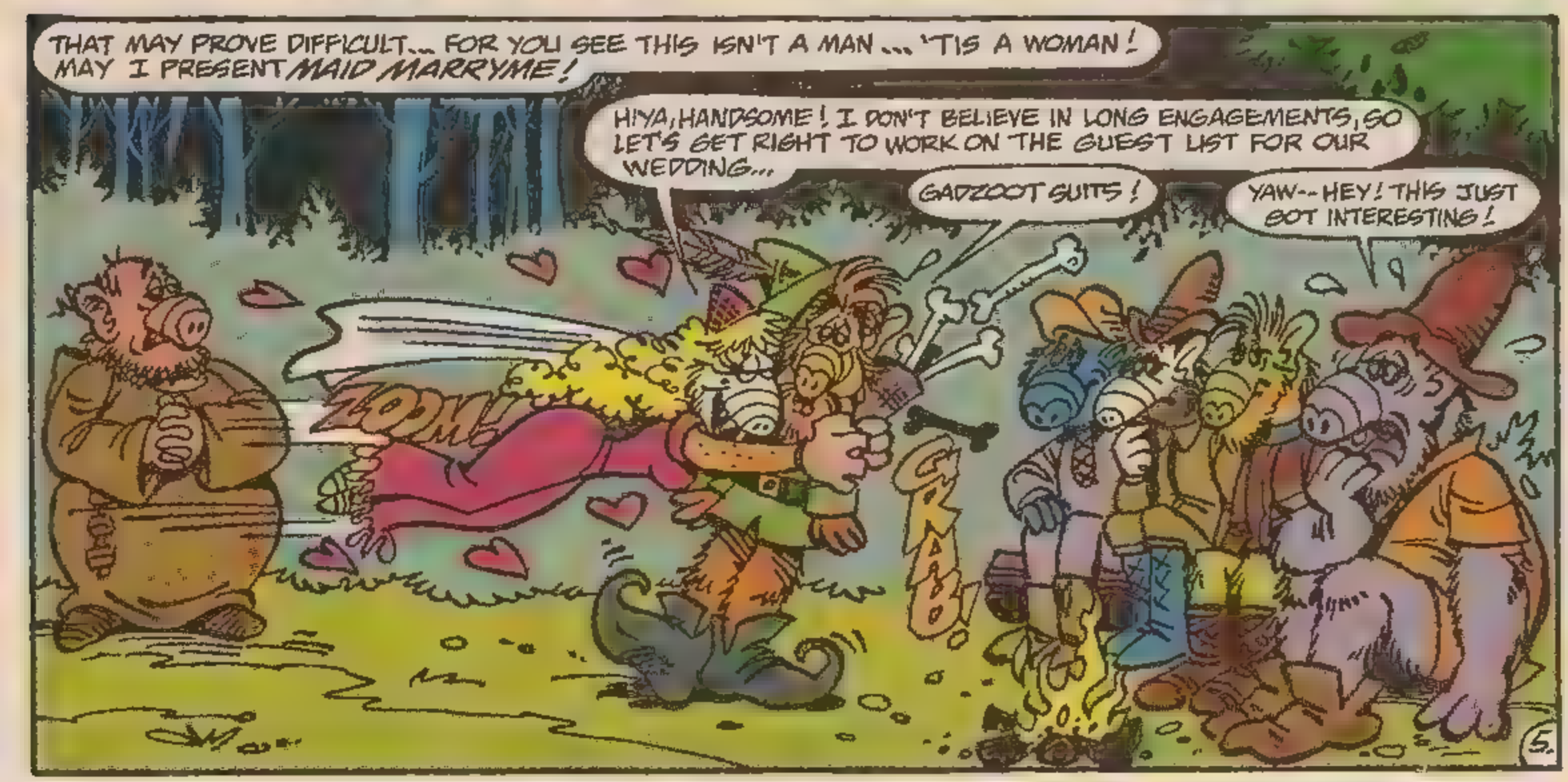
4.

GRRR! ENCASED IN A BRICK FIREPLACE! HOW MORTARFYING!
HOW DOES ROBBIN' FOOD KNOW OUR EVERY MOVE AHEAD OF TIME? HOW?
HOW?

HOW YOU WOULD HAVE LAUGHED TO SEE THE CHEF SCREAMING!
YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, OVEN FRYING... AND A GREAT SPY! WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!
HA
HOOT
HAW
PAWN!

MAYHAP YOU CAN, ROBBIN'... ONE OF THE KING'S KITCHEN WORKERS WAS FALSELY ACCUSED OF STEALING FOOD AND FACES TEX-MEXECUTION!
DEATH BY JALEPEÑO? HOW CRUEL! WE'LL GIVE HIM SANCTUARY!


BRING THE LAD FORWARD! WE'LL MAKE A MELMERRY MAN OUT OF HIM, RIGHT, LADS?
AYE!
BEFORE 'E'!
EXCEPT AFTER 'C'!
PAWN!


THAT MAY PROVE DIFFICULT... FOR YOU SEE THIS ISN'T A MAN... 'TIS A WOMAN! MAY I PRESENT MAID MARRYME!
HI'YA, HANDSOME! I DON'T BELIEVE IN LONG ENGAGEMENTS, SO LET'S GET RIGHT TO WORK ON THE GUEST LIST FOR OUR WEDDING...
GADZOOT SUITS!
YAW-- HEY! THIS JUST GOT INTERESTING!
ZOOM!
GRAB!
5.

SOON:

WHAT'S THE STORY, CHEF?...OR SHOULD I CALL YOU DINNER?

:GULP: N-NO, YOUR LARDNESS... I HAVE DEVISED A NEW PLAN! HEAR MY PROCLAMATION!

Hear Ye-Hear Ye

KING YORE ANNOUNCES A CONTEST! ANY CITIZEN WHO CAN BEST THE CHEF OF SNOTTINGHAM WITH BONE AND MARROW SHALL WIN TEN MELMETRIC TONS OF PORK!

← HIS MAJESTY'S MARK

SNOTARY O' PUBLIC

TEN TONS OF PORK? WOTTA HAUL! BUT THE CHEF IS CRAFTY! METHINKS 'TIS A TRAP!

NOT ONLY THAT, HE'S AN OLEO-LYMPIC CHAMP WITH BONE AND MARROW!

SOUNDS LIKE A CHALLENGE ROBBIN' CAN'T RESIST, RIGHT?

:YAWN:

Hear Ye Hear Ye

RIGHT! WE SHALL--

--PREPARE TO--

--MAKE READY--

--I WILL--

HOO-BOY!

ISN'T THIS A LOVELY SILVER PATTERN?

WON'T THIS LOOK NICE ON MY MOTHER?

SHOULD THE USHERS HAVE BUTTON-DOWN LAPELS?

NOW AS FAR AS OUR HONEYMOON--

MELMODERN BRIDE

AND SO...

ANOTHER BULLSEYE! THE CHEF WINS AGAIN!

:SIGH: I FAILED YOU, SON...

BAH! I THOUGHT YOU SAID THIS CONTEST WOULD BRING ROBBIN' FOOD TO US!

ORP!

BEHOLD! SUSPICIOUS LOOKING STRANGERS APPROACH!

YE SCORE

Chef 6794

Peasants 0

Phoot!

SOB!

SPOK!

6.

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

Since this column is scheduled to see print in September, the month that school begins, it seems only fitting to devote our serendipitous sermon to the subject of education! After all, I know how eagerly you must be awaiting the opening of school, but be patient; no matter how unbearable these days may be, your vacation won't last forever!

Now then, those of you who faithfully read my Soapbox each month in MARVEL AGE can skip the rest of this meaningful monograph, 'cause I've already covered this subject in depth on those pandemonious pages. However, you philistines who've been injudicious enough to miss one of Marvel's most mentorious publications can, due to my legendary generosity, now get an abridged version of the following item. . .

If I may be serious for a moment, one of the biggest problems in education is school dropouts; and even many youngsters who remain in school aren't learning as much as they should. Chief among the reasons is sheer, stifling boredom!

Well, an idea occurred to some of us who worry about such things. America is the core of the world's entertainment industry. American movies, television, rock music, sports and comic books provide excitement and enjoyment to the entire planet. If we can entertain audiences around the globe, why can't we do the same for our own students who are America's future?

The notion spread like wildfire! We've formed an organization called "Entertainers for Education"! It consists of the biggest names in film, music and the arts, combined with the nation's most influential educators. Our goal is nothing less than finding ways to make attending school and gathering knowledge as enjoyable and exciting as any other experience! We've just begun, but I'll keep you posted about our progress. Hey, if we succeed, can't you just hear kids saying, "Aw, mom, do I haveta stay home just because it's a holiday? Please let me go to school instead!"

Just a pipe dream? Wait and see!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

Pick up a rock, and you'll likely find some moss underneath. Pick up a Marvel freelancer, and you'll no doubt find a plethora of projects beneath him. (You may find some moss there, as well, depending on how long the freelancer has been at his drawing board.) This was the situation when we endeavored to find out how our writers and artists spent their summer vacations.

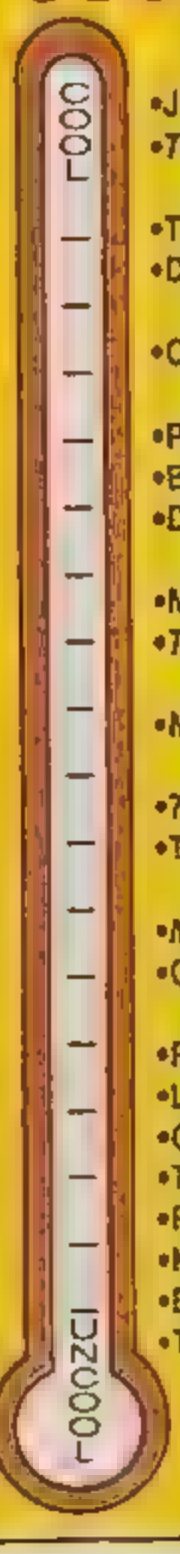
Instead of regaling us with humorous anecdotes about exotic vacations in faraway lands, mostly we got a list of whatever projects the creator happened to be working on at the time. Now, that can be entertaining in its own right, but it sort of shatters the image of the life of a comics pro being filled with glamour, romance, and excitement, don't you think? So, where necessary, we've included writer's embellishments (clearly labeled, for legal reasons) to improve on the truth.

John Romita, Jr. described his summer in this way: "All it is is work! I just finished up the 144-page DAREDEVIL graphic novel which Frank Miller is writing. I'm working on the 48-page GHOST RIDER/WOLVERINE/PUNISHER team-up which Howard Mackie wrote. I'm doing the third monthly PUNISHER book with Klaus Janson and Chuck Dixon. I have a couple of posters coming out . . ." John also plans on launching a new monthly series featuring his own creation, SHOTGUN, who previously appeared in DAREDEVIL. *Writer's embellishment:* John took time off from his other work to visit the Vatican in Rome and talk comics with Pope John Paul, who's actually quite a comics buff. (The Pope's favorite book? NFL SUPERPRO, of all things!)

The comic biz's most famous little brother, **Sal Buscema**, kept pretty busy with the penciling and inking chores on SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, as well as extra projects like an eight-page Thor story in the upcoming MARVEL CHRISTMAS SPECIAL. Sal spent part of his summer at Ocean City, which is a beach resort in Maryland. Sal said he occupied his time "lazing around on the beach, eating seafood, and playing golf. . .exciting stuff like that." *Writer's embellishment:* One day on the beach, Sal saw a man drowning. Fortunately, he had taken a lifesaving course, and knew what to do. He dove into the water, dragged the man to shore, and administered CPR, saving the man's life. The man turned out to be legendary comedian Don Knotts, who, as fate would have it, is one of Sal's favorite performers. Don was so grateful for the save, he agreed to perform at a birthday party for Sal's kids later that day, charging only the union minimum.

DAREDEVIL penciler, **Lee Weeks**, said he is too busy "catching up with too many deadlines" to worry about taking a vacation. In addition to his monthly DAREDEVIL work, Lee is also doing a GHOST RIDER bookshelf format one-shot. When not dodging deadlines, Lee found time to grab a little vay-kay in Toronto with wife and brand-new baby, Vaughn. *Writer's embellishment:* While in Toronto, Lee assisted the mounted police in tracking a dangerous fugitive through the Canadian wilderness. It was a grueling chase, but in the end, it was Lee's skills as a marksman and knowledge of hand-to-hand combat that saved the day. Lee downplays his contributions to the bust, saying it's what any comics penciler would have done.

SEPTEMBER COOLOMETER



- JULIA ROBERTS
- *THE ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN AMERICA*
- THE FOX NETWORK
- DINKS (Double Income No Kids)
- CHILD TV STARS IN PRISON
- PAULA ABDUL
- BANANAS
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- GOATEES
- TUBE SOCKS
- FLEA MARKETS
- KIEFER SUTHERLAND
- BOWLING
- THE METRIC SYSTEM

Larry Stroman spent the summer penciling X-FACTOR and a bookshelf format BLACK WIDOW special written by Dan Chichester. *Writer's Embellishment:* Larry also worked as a camp counsellor to a group of misfit kids, somehow turning these oddballs into a bunch of winners in time for the big boat race with long-time rival Camp Swampy.

WOLVERINE penciler **Marc Silvestri** spent his summer "making the convention rounds in San Diego and Chicago, and starting on a WOLVERINE/PUNISHER graphic novel written by Carl Potts with inks by Hilary Barta." *Writer's Embellishment:* Marc also braved the elements when he ventured down into the fiery heart of an active volcano, Mount Hoyahoya, in Hawaii! Other than singeing his eye-brows, Marc came out just fine, commenting, "I really can't say why I did it. It just seemed like a good idea at the time."

Marv Wolfman, currently pulling up the stakes on his new TOMB OF DRACULA limited series with *Gene Colan*, said he spent his summer "preparing to get married in the fall" to his lovely fiancee, Noel. *Writer's Embellishment:* In researching the comic, Marv actually toured historic Transylvania, and met a gang of actual vampires! The vampires of Transylvania were quite taken with Marv, extending him an offer to join them for dinner any time he wished.

QUASAR penciler **Greg Capulo** celebrated his wedding to his lovely bride, Michele, followed by a honeymoon in Aruba. *Writer's Embellishment.* Following that, the two were fortunate enough to be part of a NASA experiment sending civilians to the moon. The trip took two weeks, but Greg was thrilled to finally get to walk in Neil Armstrong's footsteps. Said Greg, "I now know the truth. The moon *isn't* made of green cheese. It's *white*, and tastes similar to gouda."

DEATHLOK's **Denys Cowan** and X-FORCE's **Rob Liefeld** both went commercial this summer — literally! Denys was featured in an ad for Dewar's Whiskey, appearing in classy magazines nationwide, while Rob appeared in a Spike Lee commercial for Levi's 501 jeans! *Writer's Embellishment:* These ads were so successful that Denys and Rob were spotted by a talent agent. Now they have earned the highest honor that every actor dreams of — they will be appearing in the popular Lite Beer from Miller commercials, working alongside such greats as Bob Eucker and John Madden.

Finally we have letterer of all things Spidery, **Rick Parker**, who actually *did* take a vacation, and did something more imaginative than anything we could've come up with on our own. Rick spent a month on a tour of the Far East, the highlight of which was a five-day safari into the jungle on the back of an elephant in Thailand. He really *did* do this — we're not making this one up! Honest. We actually did have a story made up for Rick — one involving him going back to Nam to rescue his old platoon — but we'll save that one for next time.

For now, we'll leave you with these words. It's September! Don't forget school starts this month! And don't try giving your parents that line about school starting a month later this year. We tried that one ourselves, and it didn't work!

OBSERVE, YOUR ROTUNDITY! THAT IS NO BAND OF GYPSIES... 'TIS THE MELMERRY MEN! AND I'LL WAGER THAT HOODED HUNCHBACK IS ROBBIN' IN DISGUISE!

MAY I ?YAWN? INTRODUCE SPANISH OLIVER QUEEN!

LET'S GET IT ON, CHEFFIE!

shlurp!

VERY WELL... ahem... OLIVER! MELMARQUIS OF QUEENSBURY RULES! NIBBLE OFF THE ENDS OF THE BONE AND BLOW THE MARROW ON TARGET!

BO NOSE BONE AND MARROW!

GENTLEMEN... START YOUR GNAWING ON THE KING'S SIGNAL...

BWOF!!

CRONCH!

Bite!

Chew!

MASTICATE!

GRIND!

GO!

Phoot SPLAT!

BULL'S EYE!

Phoot SPLAT!

ANOTHER BULL'S EYE!

Phoot SPLAT!

BULL'S EYE!

Phoot-SPLAT

BULL'S EYE!

Phoot SPLAT!

Phoot-SPLAT!

Phoot--SPLAT!

THIS IS SO ?YAWN? EXCITING!

ONE BULL'S EYE AFTER ANOTHER!

THEY ARE EVENLY MATCHED!

YEAH, BUT Y'KNOW WHAT?

PHOOT! SPLAT--!

BULL'S EYE!

Phoot SPLAT!

BULL'S EYE!

Phoot-SPLAT!

BULL'S EYE!

7.

Have a Monster of a Good Time.

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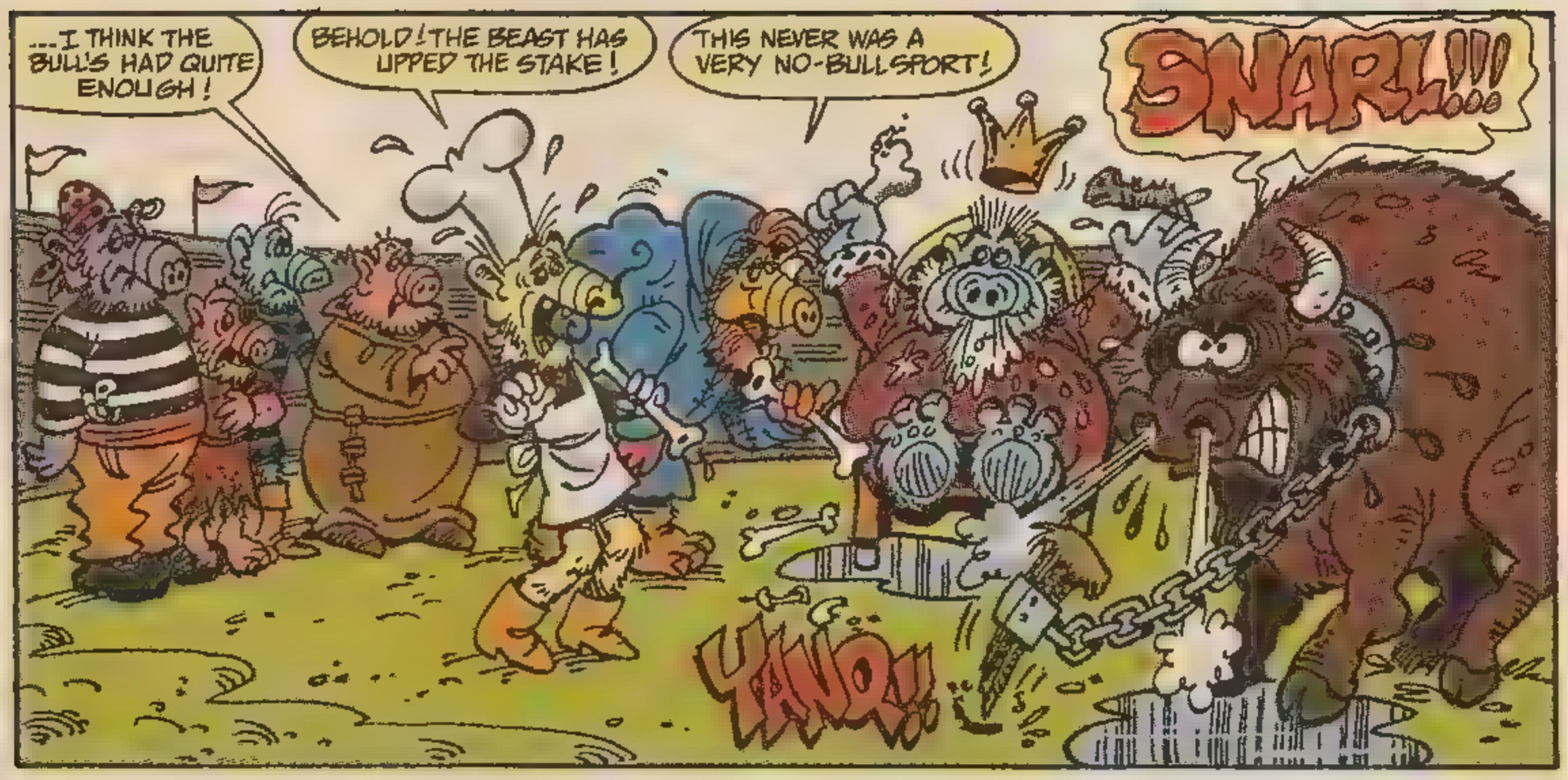
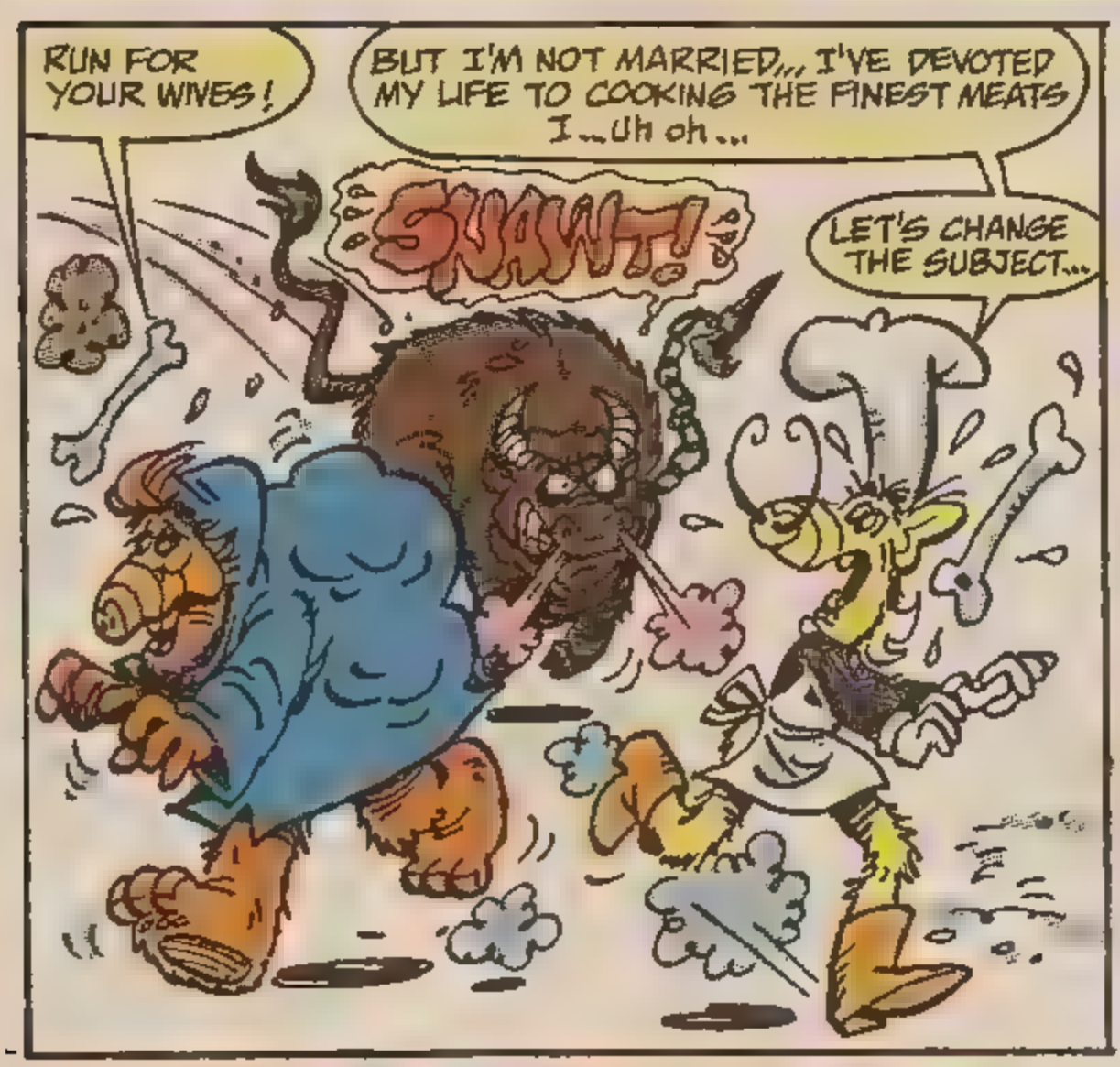
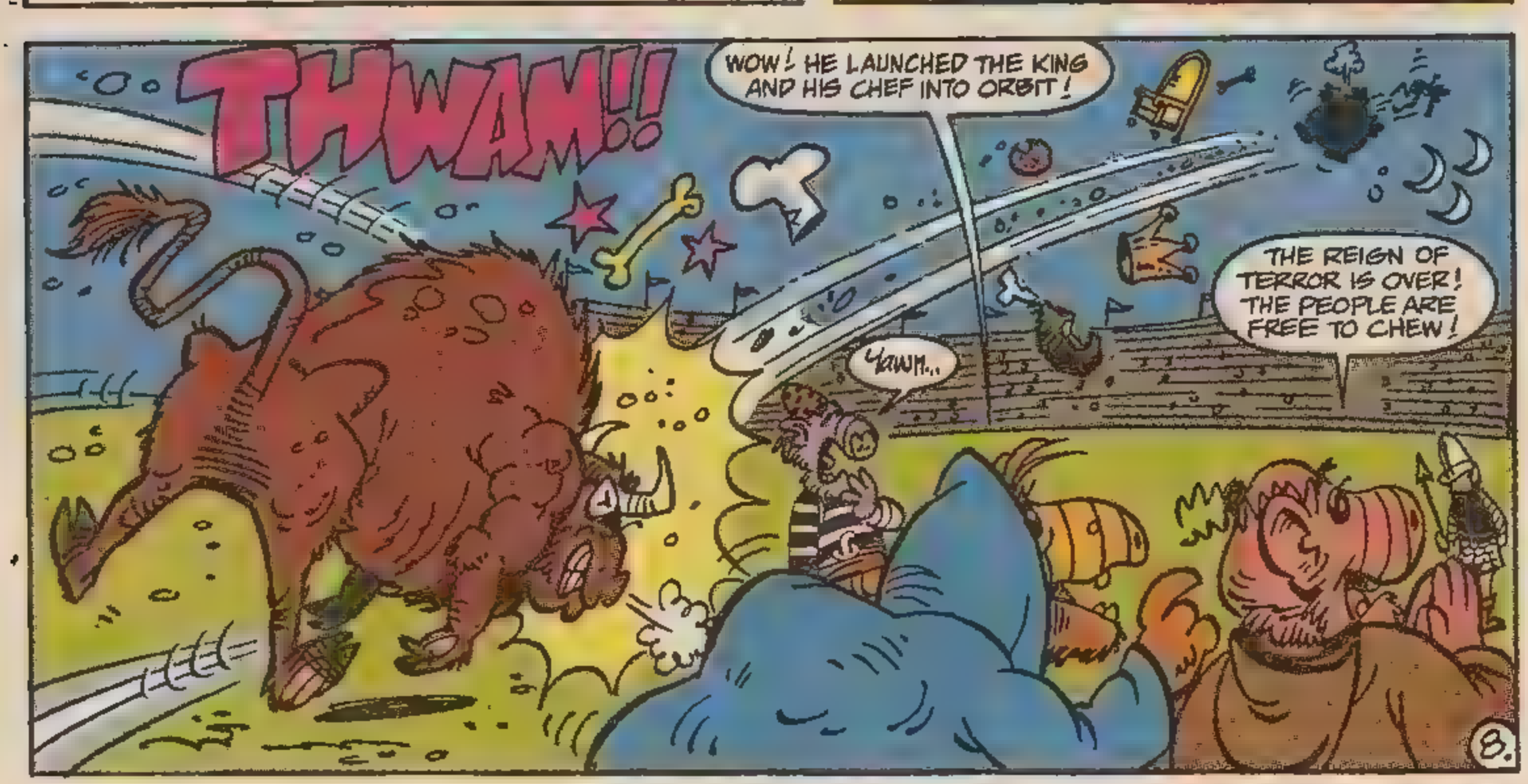

...I THINK THE BULL'S HAD QUITE ENOUGH!
BEHOLD! THE BEAST HAS UPPED THE STAKE!
THIS NEVER WAS A VERY NO-BULLSPORT!
SNARL!!!
YANG!!


RUN FOR YOUR WIVES!
BUT I'M NOT MARRIED... I'VE DEVOTED MY LIFE TO COOKING THE FINEST MEATS I...uh oh...
SNAWT!
LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT...

HE'S AFTER ME! SAVE ME, MY MOUNTAINOUS MONARCH!
GET OFF ME, YOU IDIOT! YOU CAN STILL SMELL THAT ROAST BEEF HERO I HAD...
MOOOO...


THWAM!!
WOW! HE LAUNCHED THE KING AND HIS CHEF INTO ORBIT!
THE REIGN OF TERROR IS OVER! THE PEOPLE ARE FREE TO CHEW!
YAWN...
8.

NOW YOU CAN REVEAL YOUR TRUE IDENTITY!
AND YOU CAN MARRY US!
I HAD A HUNCH SHE'D SAY THAT!
ZIP!
HOORAY!
YAY!
:YAWN:
WEINER'S CIRCLE

DEARLY BEWILDERED...
THERE GOES, THE SEQUEL!
AND SO, THEY LIVED HAPPILY MARRIED EVER AFTER...
NICE STORY, BUT WAS IT NECESSARY TO KEEP YOUR HEAD IN THE FREEZER?

CONSIDER IT A METAPHOR FOR THE WAY MAID MARRYME CLUNG TO ROBBIN'... YOU SEE, MY WET NOSE GOT STUCK ON THE TWENTY-POUND TURKEY IN HERE!
OH, SO THAT'S IT!
COOKIES

DON'T WORRY, ALF... MOM WILL PROBABLY REMOVE YOU BEFORE SHE PUTS IT IN THE OVEN...
PROBABLY?!

COOKIES
HEY! COME BACK HERE! WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A CLOSING JOKE? HUH? ANSWER ME! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW IF THIS IS...
THE END

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